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Firm Action Against Smuggling

Shanghai, May 9.
The Chinese Government has decided to take "firm action" to check the rampant smuggling of goods in South China, which is seriously hurting China's export trade, the new Director of the Secretariat of the Export Promotion Board, Mr. Chen Jun-zung, told the press today.

Among other things, he said, an Import and Export Control Board will shortly be set up in South China, composed of representatives of the Central Bank of China, the Import Board, Export Promotion Board, Chinese Maritime Customs, the Canton-Kowloon Railway Administration, the Kwangtung Provincial Government, and the Kwangsi Provincial Government.

Meanwhile, Chinese reports claim that no less than one hundred and fifty thousand million Chinese dollars of idle capital entered Hongkong from China in April, mostly for the purpose of buying cotton in India.

The reports added that over 40,000 bales of cotton have been ordered from India by Hongkong.—Reuter.

Soong Off To America?

Nanking, May 9.
The former Premier, Mr. T. V. Soong, arrived from Shanghai at 2 p.m. yesterday leading to speculations that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek is sending his brother-in-law to the United States by plane to seek an extension of the \$500,000,000 loan to China.

Chinese reports claimed that Soong may fly to the United States before the end of the month in order to confer with Washington for an extension of the June 30 deadline.

It was also believed that Soong will personally explain to the Secretary of State, Gen. George Marshall, and others, China's projects to be financed by U.S. loans.

Soong travelled by train from Shanghai for the first time in many months since bad weather grounded all planes. This suggested that he received an urgent summons from Chiang for an important confab in Nanking.

A source close to the Foreign Office disclosed that Dr. H. H. Kung is leaving shortly for the United States with the title of advisor of the Foreign Ministry.

The source said Kung will also visit other countries.—United Press.

The Weather

The anticyclone is now centred over Korea and continues to move E. Pressure is also high N. of the Marianas. Fresh S. winds through the Luzon Strait to the sea of the Philippines.

Today's Forecast:—Moderate S. winds; sun becoming fine.
Yesterday's Weather:
Maximum: 78 deg. Fah.
Minimum: 70.9 deg. Fah.
Sunshine: 0.3 hours.
Rainfall: Trace. Total since Jan. 1—112.9 mm. as against an average of 567.4 mm.

Readings at 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.:
Bar. at m.l., 1016.4 1016.1 m.b.
Squall 20.2 20.0 inches.
Rel. Humidity 81 80 %
Dew Point 69 68 deg. F.
Wind Direction S 2 E
Wind Force 15 16 knots.

London, May 9.
Britain received more than \$40,000,000 for approximately 100,000 surplus trucks, cars, buses and motor cycles auctioned off during the last year, the Ministry of Supply said today. A spokesman said the demand for surplus goods was still strong, and that the Ministry was planning to auction off more surplus goods in the near future.

CHINESE CIVIL SERVANTS GET PAY INCREASE

Possible Fore-Runner To Unfreezing Of Cost Of Living Index RISING TENSION IN SHANGHAI

Nanking, May 9.
The Executive Yuan, at an extraordinary morning session today, decided to raise the pay scale of civil servants and army personnel effective for the month of May. The short communique said details of the readjustment measures would be approved by the Executive Yuan later today.

The Government Information Director, Hollington K. Tong, who read the communique to newspapermen, declined to state whether these measures would mean the unfreezing of the cost of living index. An Executive Yuan source told the United Press that it would.

A reliable source said Premier Chiang Chun, in a closed session with the People's Political Council's Resident Committee, said it would require CN\$100,000,000,000 for raising the civil servant pay scale and CN\$280,000,000,000 for the army.

Rising prices and frozen wages caused increasing unrest throughout the country today, with school teachers and other civil servants threatening to strike.

"Hunger Strike"

In Shanghai, employees of Government Communications, demanding a pay increase, went on a 24-hour hunger strike, called a slow-down strike by sending home half the employees.

EMERGENCY CONTROLS

Shanghai, May 9.
The Central Government, in an effort to check further deterioration in the economic situation here, has designated Shanghai as the emergency area where important commodities will in future be subject to "strict emergency price control measures," according to Chinese press reports today.

The commodities placed under emergency control are said to include cotton, cotton yarn, artificial silk, worsted yarn, sugar, fuel, edible oil and dyestuffs. The reports give no details of the measures but it is learned that Mayor K. C. Wu has been summoned to Nanking to attend a special price control conference.—Reuter.

employees and threatened a complete work stoppage unless pay rises are met by 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.
Meanwhile, Premier Chang Chun told the Resident Committee that there should be no problem regarding food and cotton throughout China because increased domestic production and foreign imports were sufficient to supply China's needs. The Premier said he advocated a rationing system for food and cotton but opposed the "dumping" system for lowering prices.

The Premier was also said to have told the Committee that unity in China must come before peace. There is some talk of trying to resume peace talks with the Communists but Chang was said to have made it clear that there can be no peace talks until the Communists are defeated on the battlefield.—United Press.

Shanghai, May 9.
Tension mounted in Shanghai today.
Hundreds of CGRA and Telecommunications employees demonstrated this afternoon on Nanking Road, "calling public attention" to their "hunger and go-slow strike" designed to accentuate their demand for a 50 per cent wage hike. The demonstrators stopped passing cars and trucks, and some carried placards demanding a 50 per cent wage increase.

CHURCHILL RETIRING?

London, May 9.
According to well-informed political circles, Mr. Winston Churchill has decided to abandon leadership of the Conservative Party as soon as the present economic crisis is ended.

Both Mr. Churchill and Mr. Herbert Morrison have resigned from the Commons Committee of Privileges. Both will be succeeded by Party back benchers.—United Press.

Far East Smugglers' Syndicate?

Sydney, May 9.
Customs officials expressed the belief today that a Far Eastern syndicate is directing smuggling into Australia.

The opinion was expressed after 214,000 contraband American cigarettes were seized on the passenger steamer "Tai Ping" when it arrived in Sydney from Shanghai and Hong Kong.

The cigarettes were hidden in the hold behind insulation pipes and under the cargo. Another big haul was made from the same ports on Feb. 27.

Australian-made cigarettes are still an under-the-counter line. The import of American brands in bulk is prohibited. U.S. Cigarettes bring A\$3 a packet on the Australian black market.—Associated Press.

Commons' Reply To Mr. Bartlett

London, May 8.
The question whether the allotment of seats on the BOAC flying boat service from Singapore to the United Kingdom should be increased is being considered by the London and Singapore Priority Boards, said Mr. George Lindgren, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Civil Aviation in a parliamentary reply today.

In addition to the BOAC service, he added, RAF Transport Command operated a passenger service five times a week from Singapore to the United Kingdom, which although primarily for service passengers was also available for priority civilian passengers when they could not be accommodated on the BOAC service.

Mr. Lindgren said that it was not intended to supplement this service by the use of converted war aircraft at present.

Mr. Vernon Bartlett, Independent, who raised the matter, had referred to the fact that the BOAC now had only one service a week from Singapore to the United Kingdom with seats for four passengers and asked whether Lancasters, Sunderlands or other converted war aircraft would be immediately made available so that passengers might not as now be compelled to book four months in advance.—Reuter.

Shooting in Senate
Oklahoma City, May 8.
Representative Jimmie Scott today pleaded not guilty to a charge of assault with intent to kill in the shooting yesterday of Senator Tom Anglin.

Scott was ordered held under a \$25,000 bond for preliminary hearing on May 29.

Second Trip To The Chair

Washington, May 8.
The Supreme Court today rejected a last-day effort to save Willie Francis from a second trip to Louisiana's electric chair.

Francis is scheduled to die tomorrow for murder.

The 18-year-old negro, who lived through a scheduled execution on May 3, 1946, when the current failed, said: "I am ready to die and the sooner the better."

He said he figured the Lord let him live through the first trip to the chair because "he wanted me to get my hell on earth."

Francis was convicted at the age of 15 of killing a Martinville drugist.—United Press.

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PEACE, BUT NOT YET

Washington, May 8.
President Truman said today that in his opinion, peace was by no means consummated. He was reiterating that his special envoy to the Vatican, Mr. Myron Taylor, would be withdrawn from that post "when peace is consummated."

President Truman, who was speaking at a press conference on his 63rd birthday which coincided with the second anniversary of the formal announcement of surrender of Germany, declared: "I am still an optimist." He expressed confidence that the world would get the peace it wants and that the United Nations would develop a workable charter.—Reuter.

Stuffed In Barrel At River Bottom

Lisbon, Maine, May 9.
Trussed with ropes and stuffed in a barrel, the body of Bertrand Leclair, about 25 years, was found at the bottom of the Turnor River last night after the police were led to the spot by a man who allegedly confessed to the slaying.

Police Chief Aton Savage said Leclair, a World War Two veteran, had been repeatedly beaten on the head before being thrust into the barrel. The Chief withheld the alleged slayer's name.

Leclair had been missing from home since Tuesday.—United Press.

SHIPS IN COLLISION

London, May 8.
The British ships "Ocean Valour" (7,174 tons) and "Clan Ronald" (5,447 tons) collided in Suez Roads at the Red Sea end of the Suez Canal today, but it is believed that none of the crew of either ship was injured.

The "Ocean Valour," bound for Japan with a cargo, was damaged and the managing company—Sir R. Repner & Co.—is awaiting a detailed report. The "Clan Ronald," managed by the Clan Line Steamers Limited, was returning to the United Kingdom from India.—Reuter.

Telephone Strike Agreement

Washington, May 8.
The United States Labour Department announced today that an agreement had been reached to end the strike of the long-distance telephone workers with an average weekly wage increase of \$4.40.

It is expected that the agreement will lead to a settlement of the remaining 28 disputes with telephone companies.

A partial settlement of the strike was reached last week when members of four independent unions returned to work on local lines in New York.

The national unions remained on strike, however, and there were still 20,000 workers out in New York and 300,000 in the remainder of the country.

The strike began on April 7 with the unions demanding an increase of \$12 weekly.—Reuter.

Chinese Canadians To Go Home

Ottawa, May 9.
Resources Minister J. L. Glen estimates that approximately 3,500 Chinese Canadians would be eligible to bring their wives and families to Canada from China following repeal of the Chinese Immigration Act.

Glen said one effect of the repeal would be that single Chinese Canadians would be allowed to go to China, marry there and bring back their brides.

Glen rejected a suggestion that Canada permit Chinese residents, regardless of whether they are citizens, to bring their wives and families to Canada. This proposal would give them the rights at present enjoyed by immigrants of other racial origins.—Associated Press.

Reparations Deadlock

Washington, May 9.
The Far East Commission broke the long existing Japanese reparations deadlock in a directive today. It hopes it will open the way for settlement of the entire problem.

While it was not announced it was authoritatively learned the Commission has approved a resolution establishing a basis on which nations seeking Japanese assets may make claims and declare the percentages desired.

The Commission hopes the claimants will declare overall percentages. In each case.—Associated Press.

SPANISH STRIKE

Madrid, May 8.
A telephonic report from San Sebastian said today that an undetermined number of metallurgical workers at three towns in Guipuzcoa province struck in sympathy with up to 15,000 Basque strikers at Bilbao.

Plants at Elbas, El Golbar and Placencia de las Armas are affected. A report from Bilbao where the general strike is in its fourth day, said some workers have returned to duty but others are still on strike.

Sino-British Air Pact Snag

Nanking, May 9.
Negotiations for a final agreement for a Sino-British air transport pact have failed. Authoritative sources told the Associated Press the main snag was the inability of the two parties to agree on the question of emergency landing points for British planes.

The negotiations have been in progress for nearly three months with Air Marshal Sir John Baldwin, one time commander of the R.A.F. in Burma, heading the British delegation.

Britain sought an agreement to avoid a repetition of the incidents in which British planes, unavoidably or accidentally deviated from their course, were fired on by the Chinese or held up when they made emergency landings at unauthorized points.

The Chinese attitude was partly typified by recent regulations requiring civil aircraft to give two hours previous notice before an emergency landing on any Chinese airfield—field—which the parties concerned held was clearly impossible.

Among the incidents affecting British planes in past weeks have been the temporary detention of a British air mission's plane at Canton; the firing on a British plane near Macao, and the holding up of a British flying boat which alighted on the water near Hainan Island because of bad weather.—Associated Press.

Official Statement

Nanking, May 9.
Air-Marshal Sir John Baldwin and members of his delegation departed today en route to England.

Sir John was accompanied by Mr. B. W. Galpin, BOAC Far Eastern representative, and Mr. Charles North of the Ministry of Civil Aviation. They left here aboard a RAF plane for Hong Kong, whence they are scheduled to fly to England tomorrow.

The air mission left without having reached a final agreement on the Sino-British air transport pact. A joint statement issued today by the British and Chinese delegations said:

"The British and Chinese delegations, which have been negotiating an air transport agreement for the establishment of civil air services between British and Chinese territories held their 23rd and final meeting yesterday after three-month discussions."

"Cooperation"
"These negotiations have by mutual good-will and cooperation resulted in a draft bilateral agreement with annex and schedules of air routes over which

Private Plane Crashes

Cairo, May 8.
The Egyptian police today found the wreckage of a privately owned Fairchild plane in the desert only five miles from its taking off point, Almada Airfield, with its two dead occupants, the pilot and Mr. G. B. Anderson, an official of the British Ministry of Civil Aviation.

The plane, which had been missing since yesterday, took off from the airport with a load of Egyptian newspapers for delivery in Palestine. It was piloted by Mr. Michael Wadhi, an Egyptian.

Royal Air Force planes and Egyptian police were employed in the search for the wrecked aircraft.—Reuter.

"DE GAULLE TO POWER"

Paris, May 8.
A group of 324 youths marched in order through Paris, chanting "De Gaulle to power — Ho Chi Minh to the stake." Previously, the police had broken up several student demonstrations for General de Gaulle, but this time they did not disturb the group.

Ho Chi Minh is president of the Vietnamese rebels in Indo-China.—United Press.

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Coming Events

May 10—Sixth Extra Race Meeting.
May 16 and 17—"Shamshulpo Cocktail" R.C.C., 9 p.m.
May 17—China Emporium extraordinary meeting, 3 p.m.
May 21—Union Waterboat Co. Ltd. Annual Meeting, Dodwell's Office, 11 a.m.
May 24—H.K. & Yamutai Ferries, annual meeting, noon.
May 26—H.K. Realty & Trust Co. annual meeting, noon.
May 29—H.K. Tramways Ltd. annual meeting, Jardine's office, noon.
May 31—China Emporium annual meeting, 3 p.m.

Copper Mine War Trial

Colonel Sazawa Hideo, Commandant of POW Camps Headquarters in Formosa from July, 1943, to March, 1945, testified as a prosecution witness at the Kinkaseki Copper Mine Trial before No. 5 War Crimes Court yesterday.

Colonel Sazawa said that the mining company was responsible for the safety of POWs while actively engaged in work at the mine or on their way to and from work in the mining area. It was the mining company's responsibility to see that POWs sent into the mine had adequate protective kit and would not be sent to dangerous areas.

He had received a letter from the manager of the mine, Sazawa said, informing him that POWs did not have sufficient protective kit, but explaining that it was not due to the Company's negligence but was the result of a shortage of the necessary materials.

The mining company had agreed to pay 10 sen a day for privates and 15 sen a day for NCOs among the POWs employed in the mine, this being paid in a fund to augment their food supply. As far as he knew, this had been done.

In November 1943 the mining company had stated a memorial service—that was "a religious," Sazawa asked to add to his testimony just before he left the witness-box. Members of the mining company attended and the manager subscribed toward the service. Beyond subscribing to the service himself, he made presentations to POWs who had "done their work diligently," Sazawa concluded. He did not specify for whom the memorial service was held but added that a British Major had sent a letter of appreciation to the manager.

Witness identified Teda as having been the manager of the Kinkaseki Mining Company.

Readers' Letters

Protest

Sir,—Yesterday morning, I saw Chinese members of the Police Force, with two vans bringing up in the rear, arresting and manhandling young girls who were trying to make an honest living selling cigarettes outside the King's Theatre. The incident recalled to mind the daily scenes which we who remained in Hong Kong and were on the outside, witnessed almost daily at the same spot during the Japanese occupation.

Surely it is about time that our Commissioner of Police impressed upon the Chinese members of our Police Force the fact that it is a fundamental rule of British law that every man's body is sacred to himself... a point which was very strongly emphasised by Mr. Rajah while addressing the learned judge in a collaboration case not so very long ago.

If the Police are out to stamp out obstruction in the streets, it would be interesting to have an explanation as to why they do not take any action against the hundreds of hawkers who are at present obstructing the main streets of the Colony from morning to night with stalls, baskets and boxes. Why must the Police pick on young girls. Haven't they got the guts to tackle racketeers? What happens to the young girls, may one ask? They apparently lose their stock and perhaps in a moment of desperation, become prostitutes, upon the happening of which event we hear our worthy magistrates lecturing on the virtues of trying to make an honest living.

INDIGNANT

On the application of DSI Sykes, Yau Ping-yuen, 30, and Leung Ho, 25, both unemployed, were remanded until May 13 when they appeared before Mr. Justice Williams at Kowloon Magistrate's Court.

"Ulterior Motive," Says Judge And Dismisses Petition

Gala Night At The Grippe

Monday night will be a gala night at the Grippe when every one worth knowing will be present at the Ball arranged by the Hong Kong Chinese Women's Club in aid of various charitable projects.

Among the prospects of a most enjoyable evening, patrons will also have the satisfaction of assisting the Club in raising funds for the following:

- (1) For general social welfare and local charity relief work such as free schools for the poor, medical service, etc.
- (2) For donation to the British Flood Relief Funds.
- (3) For the International Society for Medical Service in South China. (Founded by Bishop Hall).

Mrs. Lambert Kwok is Chairman of the Charity Ball Committee, and is being ably assisted by Mrs. May Ho and Mrs. Chan Fung Chau (Tickets). Mrs. Violet Chan and Mrs. Peter Sin (Entertainment). Mrs. Shu Pui Li, Mrs. Y. K. Chow, Mrs. Sydney Ng and Mrs. Lily Wong (Programme). Mrs. Harry Ching and Mrs. Pauline Yee (Publicity).

Special entertainments will be provided during the evening. Those who bought tickets may also win attractive prizes, donated by well-wishers and club committee members.

Dinner tickets for the Ball will be numbered and in order to have a chance in the lucky numbers, the ticket stubs and payments for tickets must be returned to the Club before Saturday.

Tickets for admission and dinner are only \$20 each, and may be obtained from the Hong Kong Chinese Women's Club, 4th floor, Chung Tin Building, or from the Hong Kong Hotel.

Finally, if you want to attend the season's outstanding gala event, please book your tables as soon as possible at the Hong Kong Hotel.

CATHEDRAL DONATIONS

The following is a list of donations to the St. John's Cathedral Restoration Fund up to May 9 which have not yet been acknowledged in the press:

May 3: Rev. Canon Copley \$50; Hong Kong Tramways Ltd. \$1,000; May 5: The Mercantile Bank of India Ltd. \$1,000; Leigh & Orange \$500; C.J. Norman \$500; O. Skinner \$37.50; A.J. W. Evans \$10; E. S. Atkins \$5; May 7: Imperial Chemical Industries (China) Ltd. \$1,000; Lam Chi Fung \$200; E. H. Williams \$100; May 8: D.L. Ballantyne \$100; Anon \$100; Caldwell Macgregor & Co. Ltd. \$2,000; Arnold Trading Co. Ltd. \$1,000; W. L. E. Miller \$25; Gibb, Livingston & Co. Ltd. \$500; L. W. Hume \$11.50; Restoration Box \$22.40; Total \$8,211.40.

Received up to May 1, and already acknowledged \$66,734.78. Total donations received up to May 8 \$74,945.18.

CANTON RLY. SCHEDULE

The Railway Authorities announce that as from May 10 the through train service to Canton will operate as follows:—

Kowloon dep. 8.20 a.m. 10.05 a.m. 3.25 p.m. Canton arr. 12.50 p.m. 2.53 p.m. 7.55 p.m.
Down Train:
Canton dep. 7.40 a.m. 2.45 p.m. 4.35 p.m. Kowloon arr. 12.10 p.m. 7.15 p.m. 9.11 p.m.

Mr. Vernon Bartlett Likes Hong Kong

(By Margaret Bradbury)

Mr. Vernon Bartlett, M.P. and prominent British journalist who arrived here on Thursday accompanied by Mrs. Bartlett, is finding Hong Kong an extremely interesting place, not least of all from a political point of view.

Said Mr. Bartlett yesterday: "It is very pleasant to get out of Europe for a while where everyone at the moment seems to belong to a Communist bloc or an anti-Communist bloc."

Questioned as to his opinion of Hong Kong's future, Mr. Bartlett said that from so many points of view it was important to have a stable place in the Far East. He added: "While China has got currency troubles and civil war I should think there would be very strong opposition in Britain to handing Hong Kong back to the Chinese if the question arose."

"Since they left England on Nov. 24 last, Mr. and Mrs. Bartlett stayed in several places in South Africa before coming to Hong Kong."

"I am satisfied that the reason for the present application is not because the petitioner has any legitimate grounds for losing confidence in the respondent but merely because he wishes to get rid of him with an ulterior motive. I think it right to add that this is a case which I would recommend His Excellency the Governor to exempt from the provisions of the Moratorium Proclamation under the powers vested in him by Article 7."

These remarks were made yesterday by Sir Henry Blackall, Chief Justice, when dismissing, with costs, a petition for the compulsory winding up of King Wan Company Limited.

The petitioner, Tang Shu-woon, was represented by the Hon. Mr. Leo d'Almada e Castro instructed by Mr. E. S. C. Brooks. Mr. B. A. Bernacchi, instructed by Mr. D. L. Strellett, represented shareholders of the company who were in favour of the winding up. Mr. D. L. Strellett, instructed by Mr. H. C. Lee, appeared for Tang Po-chun, the respondent.

In the course of his judgment, Sir Henry said in part: "This is a petition for the compulsory winding up of King Wan Company Limited (hereinafter referred to as the company) on the ground that it is just and equitable that it should be wound up. The petition is resisted by the petitioner's elder brother."

"The Company was formed by the petitioner's father who transferred to it the whole of his landed property, and all the shares are held by members of his family. The company is therefore a private one, and I must consider the position in the same way as if the question before the Court was the right of one of two partners in a private partnership to have it dissolved. In such a case, it suffices for the petitioner to satisfy the Court that it is impossible for the partners to place that confidence in each other which each has a right to expect, and that such impossibility has not been caused by the persons seeking to take advantage of it."

"In the present case, it is clear that a strong animosity exists between the petitioner and the respondent and that there is no reasonable hope of reconciliation between them. But in deciding whether it is just and equitable that the company should be wound up, I am left to consider in the widest possible terms what justice and equity require, and it is with due regard to that consideration that I must form an opinion of what was being and is being done."

Unusual Facts
"The facts in this case are unusual in that the petitioner and his supporters hold over three quarters of the shares and have a permanent majority on the Board of Directors. They have used their powers to dismiss the respondent from the post of Secretary which he had held for many years, and it is plain that so far as the management of the company is concerned, they now have it all their own way."

"It is contended that the petitioner's circular which the respondent addressed to the tenants rendered it impossible for the company to be carried on and in support of this, reliance was placed on the case of Harrison v. Tennant. In that case, two members of a firm of solicitors sent circulars to their clients to dissolve the partnership existing between themselves and the third partner in consequence of grave charges made against him. That a dissolution was ordered in that case is not surprising, for it is obviously impossible for professional men who are at daggers drawn, to continue in partnership."

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NAAFI Coolie Sent To Gaol

Sentence of six months' hard labour, to date from date of arrest, was passed by Mr. Latimer yesterday on Ng Lam, coolie employed by the NAAFI, on his pleading guilty, through Mr. Marcus da Silva, to the charge of larceny of 163,000 cigarettes and 250 dozens handkerchiefs from Godown 38A of the Kowloon Wharf on March 10.

In his plea for leniency, Mr. Silva stated that there was nothing much to be said for "the reprehensible act except that the prime mover was not brought to justice." Accused, said counsel, was only acting in the capacity of a go-between in his attempt to obtain a buyer for the pilfered goods.

"Urging His Worship to 'temper justice with mercy,' Mr. Silva pointed out that his client had pleaded guilty at the outset of the trial (March 23) and that sentence had been deferred solely because he did not want to prejudice the case against the other defendants.

Position Of Trust
Dei B. (MacKehale, prosecuting, said that accused had free access to the godowns and was in a position of trust. He had 'betrayed that trust,' said the prosecuting officer.

Earlier in the proceedings, Mr. Alfred E. Ho successfully submitted that there was insufficient evidence to convict his client, Ng Lam, of the charge of larceny of the property of the NAAFI.

Conditions At Home
As far as conditions at home were concerned, Mr. Bartlett described them as "awful." The food situation on the whole is very difficult, and the situation of the people is very bad. He said that the situation in Hong Kong is very serious, and that the people are suffering from the effects of the war.

Alleged Over-Charge On Nylons

Mr. Nary, manager of the Britannia Silk Store, China Building, was summoned before Mr. d'Almada e Castro yesterday for selling four pairs of ungauged Nylon stockings at \$14 per pair (\$12 contrary to the Control Price regulations).

Mr. J. T. Prior pleaded not guilty for Nary. Mr. Pittman, of the Price Control Department, prosecuted.

Mr. W. Sinclair said he bought four pairs of ungauged Nylon stockings from the store on Friday and tendered a \$50 note. The assistant asked for another \$8 upon which witness enquired the price. The shop assistant said the price was \$14 a pair and witness paid another \$8.

On the following day, witness said he discovered from the newspaper that the control price was \$12 per pair, after which he reported to the Price Control Department.

At the request of Mr. Prior, who said he wished to call Mr. Nary's father, the summons was adjourned for a week.

Sequel To Robbery

An armed robbery at 49 Des Voeux Road West, first floor, on April 14, when several men armed with a revolver and three choppers held up the inmates and robbed Ma Wong of a watch valued at \$100, was recalled in Kowloon yesterday when Li Chan was charged before Mr. Blair-Kerr with taking part in the robbery.

Li was further charged with having demanded, between April 14 and 19, from the same complainant the sum of \$1,200.

Accused also faced an assault charge. He was alleged to have assaulted Tsang Kweng Kwok.

Admits Documents Were Forged

Lai Nock, principal witness for the defence in an action to set aside an instrument of transfer in the Japanese language in respect of No. 8, St. Stephen's Lane, was yesterday subject to cross-examination by the Hon. Mr. Leo d'Almada e Castro and admitted that all documents prepared for the purpose of putting through the sale were forged.

The case is being heard before His Lordship the Chief Justice, Sir Henry Blackall. The plaintiff, Tang Fong-chuen, a General in the Chinese Army, is represented by the Hon. Leo d'Almada e Castro, instructed by Mr. C. Y. Kwan. Mr. B. A. Bernacchi, instructed by Mr. D. L. Strellett of Messrs. Brutton & Co., is appearing for the defendant, Tang Chi-kin, merchant.

The plaintiff's claim is to have an instrument of transfer in the Japanese language, dated Feb. 19, 1945, purporting to be made between the plaintiff and defendant, whereby 8, St. Stephen's Lane was purportedly sold by the plaintiff to the defendant, set aside and declared null and void.

Replying to Mr. Leo d'Almada, Lai admitted that all documents which had been prepared in connection with the house during the Japanese occupation were forged. Lai insisted that the documents had been forged for the purpose of protecting plaintiff. The documents had been prepared by a man named Leung, who had since died. Lai said that Lam did not assist in the preparation of the documents for profit, but merely for the sake of friendship, and out of sheer kindness. Lai denied that he himself took any part in the drawing up of the forged documents, but admitted that he had executed them in the capacity of a witness.

"Propedare"
Lai said that in Oct. 1946, he heard that the contents of a safe deposit box held by Lai Wai Ching and Lai Yik Ying in the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation had been lost. The contents consisted of jewellery and five boxes of documents. Lai said that he had been asked to help in the search for the documents, but that he had refused to do so.

Mr. Justice Williams, who gave directions that a Naval Medical Officer should appear in Court at 10 a.m. yesterday, or that a medical certificate, certifying accused's inability to attend, be produced.

Mr. Justice Williams apologized to the judge-in-waiting and pointed out that although instructions had been given by the Court, neither the Medical Officer nor the Plaintiff's Counsel had appeared. He said that he would adjourn the case until 10 a.m. on Monday.

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FAREWELL TO H.E.

His Excellency the Governor, Sir Mark Young, was the guest of honour at a farewell party given for him on Thursday by the Officers of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps in their recently reopened mess.

Sir Mark Young is Honorary Colonel of the Corps.

London Matric Results

The results of the London Matriculation Examination held last January have just arrived by cable.

The following are the successful candidates:—

First Division

5502 Wong Ming Lik.
5517 Hui King Sang.

Second Division

5471 Chung Kwai Chai.
5476 Hui Ying Cheung.
5483 Lee Ting Wai.
5495 Robert Eli Low.
5486 Mok Ting Yan.
5488 Umberto Louise Mose.
5498 Leoncio Tiampo.
5501 Mary Wong.
5505 Sybil Wong.
5508 Wong Tsi Ho.
5514 Yung Ming Kin.
5518 Li Wai Chee.
5521 Kwan Hau Cheung.
Passed Part B and completed Examination:
5598 John Anthony Barton.

Credited Part A

5402 Abdullah Cassim.
5404 S. E. M. Bux.
5408 Cheng See Sum.
5407 Joseph Cheung.
5408 Chow Huk Shing.
5473 G. F. S. Elliot.
5487 M. McDougall.
5491 H. Ozeira.
5510. Woo Yee Wai.

Yuk and Tsang Ming, with intent to rob, at an unnumbered room at Kowloon Tong Village on May 1. Li's co-defendants in this case were Wong San, 41, unemployed, and Tam Siu, 27, unemployed.

On the application of DSI Roberts both cases were remanded until May 13.

European 'Y' Being De-requisitioned

Negotiations for the de-requisitioning of the European Y.M.C.A. have now reached a final stage and by June 1 it is hoped that the premises in Salisbury Road will, after a lapse of 5½ years, be under the full control of the Y.M.C.A.

The interests of service men will be not affected, as most of the amenities hitherto provided by NAAFI will be available and the tariff for meals will remain the same.

One may, however, hear an occasional "Wot no beer?" but the rules of the Y.M.C.A. draw the line at the sale of alcoholic drinks.

Service men will, it is to be hoped, gain by reason of the establishment of a more becoming social centre where service men and civilians can get together. In previous days the Y.M.C.A. was not for the various activities—social, recreational and cultural—which brought together men and women from the civil community, the mercantile marine as well as from the fighting services, and it is intended in the course of the next few months to arrange a programme for the winter months which will be on similar lines to that provided in the past.

It is realised, however, that times have changed and as the Y.M.C.A. in England is making special efforts to cater for the modern type of sailor, soldier and airman it is the aim of the Hong Kong Y.M.C.A. to do everything possible to meet the requirements of the service man of today so that when his tour of duty in the Colony is ended he will return home with pleasant recollections of his stay out here.

But the re-opening of the Y will no doubt be welcomed by old members and their women folk who in days gone by played their part in making the Y a lively social centre.

Alterations
NAAFI and the Army authorities have carried out various alterations to the premises and have provided new furniture and fittings which have considerably improved the general appearance of the interior.

Since August, 1946, two floors in the West Wing have provided bedroom accommodation for over 60 members but the release of the remainder of the building will make available a further 24 bedrooms for members as well as additional bedrooms for which priority will be given to service men on short leave. Application by members for bedroom accommodation should be made to the General Secretary.

Statement
The Board, in a statement issued yesterday, expressed thanks to Major General Erskine for his sympathetic consideration of the Directors' efforts to recover possession of the building.

"It is appreciated that in the abnormal conditions prevailing during the period following the liberation the provision of club facilities on the Kowloon side was of paramount importance but the General realises the value of the Y as a meeting place for services and civilians and he has caused the gratitude of the Board by hastening the negotiations for the transfer and by smoothing out various difficulties which arose."

"The NAAFI authorities have given their full co-operation and there is every reason to hope that the change over will be effected without any noticeable jolt."

"Certain financial problems have yet to be solved but in the meantime it is hoped that members and their friends will take to the Court and the public in the directions of the Court."

Concussion
At 3 p.m. yesterday, Surgeon Commander A.B. Morrison, Naval Medical Officer, appeared before Mr. Justice Williams and said that accused, who was suffering from concussion of the brain, was admitted to Hospital on April 24. Surg. Comdr. Morrison said he had received a phone message from the Police and had told them that accused would be unable to attend. He was not informed that a medical certificate was required.

Mr. Clifford said that the Naval Medical Officer had appeared in Court at 10 a.m. yesterday, or that a medical certificate, certifying accused's inability to attend, be produced.

Mr. Justice Williams apologized to the judge-in-waiting and pointed out that although instructions had been given by the Court, neither the Medical Officer nor the Plaintiff's Counsel had appeared. He said that he would adjourn the case until 10 a.m. on Monday.

NAVAL AUTHORITIES CRITICISED
Mr. Justice E. H. Williams (Puisne Judge), criticized the Naval authorities yesterday for their discourtesy to the Court and the public, when the case against Petty Officer David George Mason, who is charged with armed robbery, was called.

Late on Thursday afternoon, Mr. A. J. Clifford, Crown Counsel, received a notification that accused would not be able to attend the proceedings on account of illness. Mr. Clifford immediately informed Mr. Justice Williams, who gave directions that a Naval Medical Officer should appear in Court at 10 a.m. yesterday, or that a medical certificate, certifying accused's inability to attend, be produced.

Mr. Justice Williams apologized to the judge-in-waiting and pointed out that although instructions had been given by the Court, neither the Medical Officer nor the Plaintiff's Counsel had appeared. He said that he would adjourn the case until 10 a.m. on Monday.

GANG FIGHT SEQUEL
The gang fight at Canton Road on the night of May 4 between the Ma and the Chan clans had, as its sequel, the appearance of six youths before Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon Magistrate's Court yesterday.

Mr. O. Paulin, prosecuting, stated that the narcotic was discovered by CRO 59 during a routine search. Defendant was fined \$2,000, and the drugs ordered to be confiscated.

OPIUM DIVAN RAIDS

In a series of raids on opium divans in the Mong Kok district on May 8, Police under Sub-Inspector Andrews and Stewart arrested four keepers and 18 smokers, and seized 10 pipes, 13 lamps, 36 small pots and a large pot of prepared opium.

Before Mr. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday, Chung To, 34, unemployed, was fined \$250 for keeping a divan at 992 Canton Road, first floor, while the 10 smokers were fined \$15 each.

Lau Kam-ching, 44, unemployed, keeper of a divan at 377 Reclamation Street, first floor, was fined \$150 and his three customers \$15 each. Cheung Chiu, 46, unemployed, was fined the same amount for a similar offence at 375 Reclamation Street, first floor, and Li Choi, a smoker, had his bail of \$250 forfeited.

Of the four smokers arrested at 635 Shanghai Street, first floor, one appeared and was fined \$15. The bail of \$25 put up by each of the other three was forfeited. The keeper, Ho Cho, 46, unemployed, was fined \$300 or four months' hard labour.

SI Walter Collins prosecuted in all cases.

More Opium Den Raids

Arrested by SI Oliver and a squad of E.U. constables during a raid on Thursday, Chai Man, 48, unemployed, was fined a total of \$100, or two months' hard labour, by Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday when he pleaded guilty to keeping an opium divan at 115 Portland Street, ground floor, and possession of 3.5 mace of prepared opium.

Of the 10 smokers arrested, two were fined \$15, one had his bail of \$25 forfeited, and the remainder (who appeared in custody) \$30 or three days' imprisonment.

On the application of Inspector J. Oram, prosecution, the six pipes, 10 lamps and 36 pots of opium seized were ordered to be confiscated.

A fine of \$85, or two months' hard labour, was imposed by the same Magistrate on Chan Chung, 35, unemployed, on the charge of keeping an opium divan at 170 Temple Street, second floor, on May 8. Liu Yan, 35, unemployed, who was arrested at the same time by SI Howlett forfeited his bail of \$25.

"Perhaps your employer will pay your fine for you," dilly-dammered Mr. W. H. Latimer to Mak Yan who pleaded that he was only employed as a carrier for the 20 tails found concealed in the four pumelos he was carrying at the K.C.R. station at 7 p.m. on Thursday.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT HONGKONG**PROBATE JURISDICTION**

IN THE GOODS OF
DUDLEY VAUGHAN
STEVENS, late of Victo-
ria in the Colony of Hong-
kong, Solicitor, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the Court has by virtue of
Section 58 of the Probates Or-
dinance, 1897, made an Order
limiting the time for creditors
and others to send in their
claims against the above estate
to the 4th day of June 1947.

All creditors and others are
accordingly hereby required to
send their claims to the under-
signed on or before that date.

Dated the 7th day of May, 1947.

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HONGKONG TRAMWAYS LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the Ordinary Yearly Gen-
eral Meeting of HONGKONG
TRAMWAYS LIMITED will be
held at the Offices of Messrs.
Jardine, Matheson and Cam-
pany, Limited, Hongkong, on
Thursday, the 29th day of May,
1947, at 12 o'clock Noon, to
transact the ordinary business
of the Company.

And, NOTICE IS HEREBY
ALSO GIVEN that the Regis-
ter of Members of the Com-
pany will be closed from the
10th day of May to the 11th
day of June, 1947, both days
inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

W. H. PATERSON,
Secretary

Hongkong, 6th May, 1947.

HONGKONG TRAMWAYS LIMITED**NOTICE OF EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN that an Extraordinary
General Meeting of the Com-
pany will be held at the Office
of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson &
Co., Ltd., 18 Pedder Street, Vic-
toria, in the Colony of Hong-
kong, on Thursday, the 29th
day of May, 1947, at 12.20 in
the afternoon or so soon there-
after as the Annual General
Meeting shall have been con-
cluded for the purpose of pro-
posing and if thought fit pass-
ing the subjoined resolution as
a special resolution viz:—

That the Articles of Associa-
tion be altered by cancelling
Articles 127 (a) and 127 (b)
and that the following Articles
be substituted:—

"127 (a) Any General Meeting
may resolve that any
moneys investments
or other assets form-
ing part of the un-
divided profits of the
company or any un-
realised profits arising
from revaluation of
any assets of the
company and stand-
ing to the credit of
any reserve or any
capital redemption
reserve fund, or in
the hands of the
company and avail-
able for dividend (or
representing pre-
miums received on
the issue of shares
and standing to the
credit of the share
premium account) be
capitalised and dis-
tributed amongst
such of the share-
holders as would be
entitled to receive
the same if distrib-
uted by way of di-
vidend and in the
same proportions on
the footing that they
become entitled thereto
as capital and that
all or any part of
such capitalised pro-
fits or reserves be
applied on behalf of
such shareholders in
paying up in full
either at par or at
such premium as the
resolution may pro-
vide, any unissued
shares or debentures
or debenture stock
of the company
which shall be
distributed accord-
ingly or in or to-
wards payment of
the uncalled liability
on any issued shares
or debentures or de-
benture stock; and
that such distrib-
ution or payment
shall be accepted by
such shareholders in
full satisfaction of
their interest in the
said capitalised pro-
fits or reserves."

"127 (b) For the purpose of
giving effect to any
resolution under the
last preceding article
the directors may
settle any difficulty
which may arise in
regard to the dis-
tribution as they
think expedient, and
in particular may
issue fractional cer-
tificates. Where re-
quisite, a proper con-
tract shall be deliv-
ered to the Registrar
for registration in
accordance with the
Companies Ordinance."

Dated the 7th day of May, 1947.

DEACONS,
Solicitors for the Executor,
Prince's Building,
HONGKONG.

NOTICE**THE HONGKONG AND YAU MAI FERRY CO., LTD.**

Notice is hereby given that
the Eighteenth Ordinary Annual
Meeting of the Company will
be held at the Company's Office,
3rd Floor, 144-148 Des Voeux
Road, Central, Hongkong, on
Saturday the 24th May 1947 at
12.00 noon for the purpose of
receiving the Report and State-
ment of Accounts for the Year
ended 31st December 1946 and
for the period 16th September
to 31st December 1946.

Notice is also given that the
Share Register of the Company
will be closed from the 15th
May 1947 to the 24th May 1947,
both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

LAU TAK PO,
Managing Director.

HONGKONG, 10th May, 1947.

UNION WATERBOAT CO., LTD

Notice is hereby given that the
Thirty-eighth Ordinary General
Meeting of the Company, will
be held at the Office of Messrs.
Dodwell & Co., Ltd., 3rd Floor,
Hongkong Bank Building, on
Wednesday, the 21st May 1947,
at 11 a.m. for the purpose of
receiving the Report and
Statement of Accounts for the
period 1st December 1946 to
31st December 1946.

Notice is also given that the
Transfer Books of the Company
will be closed from the 7th May
1947 to the 21st May 1947,
both days inclusive.

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tion 44 of the Com-
panies Ordinance,
1932 and the direc-
tors may appoint any
person to sign such
contract on behalf of
the persons entitled
to the dividend or
capitalised fund, and
such appointment
shall be effective."

If the above resolution is
duly passed as a special resolu-
tion the following two resolu-
tions will be proposed as ordi-
nary resolutions respectively
viz:—

(1) That the authorised
Capital of the Company
be increased to \$20,000,
000 by the creation of 3,
360,000 new shares of
the nominal value of \$5
each.

(2) That it is desirable
to capitalise a sum of
HK\$6,500,000 being part
of the balance standing
at the credit of the Re-
serves of the Company
and accordingly that such
sum be and is hereby
capitalised, and that such
capital sum be applied
on behalf of the persons
who on the 29th day of
May 1947 were the
holders of the 650,000
issued shares of the com-
pany in payment in full
for 1,300,000 new shares
of the nominal value of \$5
each, and that such
1,300,000 new shares
credited as fully paid be
accordingly allotted to
such persons respectively
in the proportion of two
of such new shares for
every one of the said
issued shares then held
by such persons respec-
tively, and that the
shares so allotted shall
be treated for all pur-
poses as an increase of
the nominal amount of
the capital of the com-
pany held by each such
shareholder and not as
income and further that
such new shares shall
from the 1st day of
January 1947 rank for
dividend and in all other
respects pari passu with
the already issued shares.

By Order of the Board,

W. H. PATERSON,
Secretary

THE CHINA EMPORIUM LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that an extraordinary general
meeting of the Company will
be held at the registered office
of the Company Nos. 62A-68
Queen's Road Central, Victoria
Colony of Hong Kong, on
Saturday, the 17th day of May,
1947, at 3.00 o'clock in the
afternoon, when the subjoined
Resolution will be proposed as
a Special Resolution:—

1. That the authorised capital
of the Company now
standing at M.Y. 1,000,
000.00 divided into 12
Founders' shares of M.Y.
2.50 each and 399,988 Or-
dinary shares of M.Y. 2.50
each reverts to \$2,000,000
Hong Kong Currency divid-
ed into 12 Founders' shares
of \$10.00 each and 199,988
Ordinary shares of \$10.00
each.

2. That the paid up capital of
the Company reverts to
\$1,337,040.00 Hong Kong
Currency divided into 12
Founders' shares of \$10.00
each and 199,988 Ordinary
shares of \$10.00 each.

3. That the existing cer-
tificates for 12 Founders'
shares of M.Y. 2.50 each
Nos. 1-12 (inclusive) and
the existing Certificates for
24 Ordinary shares of M.Y.
2.50 each (being part of the
existing 399,988 Ordinary
shares) be called in, and
that new Certificates for
12 Founders' shares of
\$10.00 each Hong Kong
Currency be issued in ex-
change so that for every
one of the existing Founders'
share of M.Y. 2.50 each and two of the exist-
ing ordinary shares of
M.Y. 2.50 each, there shall
be issued in exchange one
Founder's share of \$10.00
each Hong Kong Currency.

4. That the existing cer-
tificates for 399,988 Ordi-
nary shares of M.Y. 2.50
each (being balance of the
said 399,988 Ordinary
shares) be called in and
that new certificates for
133,321 Ordinary shares of
\$10.00 each Hong Kong
Currency be issued in ex-
change so that for every
three of the existing Or-
dinary shares of M.Y. 2.50
each there shall be issued in
exchange one Ordinary
share of \$10.00 each Hong
Kong Currency.

5. That in the case of frac-
tions the Directors be and
they are hereby authorised
to make such provisions by
the issue of fractional
certificates or otherwise as
in their discretion they
shall think fit.

6. That the Directors be and
they are hereby authorised
to take such steps as they
shall think fit to carry
into effect Clauses 3 and 4
hereof.

7. That the Directors be and
they are hereby authorised
to issue at par 371 Ordi-
nary shares of the Company
Nos. 133,322-133,692 (in-
clusive) of \$10.00 each
Hong Kong Currency to
rank for dividend pari
passu with the other Or-
dinary shares so as to
bring the paid up capital
of the Company to 133,692
Ordinary shares; that the
said 371 Ordinary shares be
offered in the first instance
to those persons who, at
the time of the cancellation
thereof, were the holders
of the 556 Ordinary shares
of M.Y. 2.50 each, in the
proportion of two Ordi-
nary shares of \$10.00 each
Hong Kong Currency for
every three shares of M.Y.
2.50 each and upon the
footing that the full
amount of such shares taken
up shall be paid to the Com-
pany upon acceptance of
such offer; and that such
offer be made by notice
specifying the number of
shares to which the person
is entitled and prescribing
the time within which such
offer may be accepted by
payment of the full value
of the shares to which the
offer shall be deemed to
have been rejected; and
that the Directors be em-
powered to dispose of the
shares not so taken up in
response to such offer as
they consider best in the
interests of the Company.

Dated this 24th day of
April, 1947.

By Order of the Board of
Directors,

CHUNG KWAN TING,
General Manager.

THE CHINA EMPORIUM LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the fourteenth ordinary
general meeting of The China
Emporium Limited will be held
at the registered office of the
Company Nos. 62A-68 Queen's
Road Central, Victoria in the
Colony of Hong Kong on
Saturday, the 31st day of May,
1947 at 3.00 o'clock in the
afternoon; for the purposes
following, namely, to receive
and consider the annual state-
ment of account and balance
sheet, and the reports of the
directors and auditors thereon;
to elect directors and auditors
in the place of those retiring,
to sanction the declaration of a
dividend and to transact the
other ordinary business of the
Company.

The transfer books and regis-
ter of members of the Com-
pany will be closed from Satur-
day, the 24th day of May, to
Saturday, the 7th day of June,
1947, both days inclusive, dur-
ing which period no transfer of
shares can be registered.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN that at the same place,
and on the same day, an extra-
ordinary general meeting of the
Company will be held at the
times below mentioned, namely:

(1) The meeting of the Found-
ers' shareholders at 3.15
o'clock in the afternoon, or
so soon thereafter as the
ordinary general meeting
shall have concluded, and,
(2) The meeting of the Ordi-
nary shareholders at 3.30
o'clock in the afternoon, or
so soon thereafter as the
said meeting of Founders'
shareholders shall have
concluded.

When the sub-joined Resolu-
tions will be proposed as
extraordinary resolutions:

1. That the authorised capital
of the Company be in-
creased to \$5,000,000.00
Hong Kong currency divid-
ed into 12 Founders'
shares of \$10.00 each and
499,988 Ordinary shares of
\$10.00 each by the creation
of 300,000 new Ordinary
shares of \$10.00 each.

2. That it is desirable to
capitalise the sum of \$658,
520.00 being part of the
undivided profits of the
Company now standing to
the credit of the reserve
fund, and accordingly that
a bonus of \$5.00
per share on the 133,704
issued shares of the Com-
pany (divided into 12
Founders' shares and 133,
692 Ordinary shares) be
and the same is hereby de-
clared; and that the Direc-
tors be and they are hereby
authorised to satisfy
such bonus by the distribu-
tion of 66,852 Ordinary
shares of the Company
Nos. 133,693-200,544 (in-
clusive) credited as fully
paid up amongst the per-
sons who, on the 24th day
of May, 1947, were regis-
tered as holders of the
133,704 shares of the Com-
pany (12 Founders' shares
and 133,692 Ordinary
shares) at the rate of one
share for every two shares
of the Company held by
such persons as aforesaid
and in satisfaction of such
bonus as aforesaid; and
that such shares shall rank
for dividend pari passu
with the existing shares.

Dated this 24th day of April,
1947.

By order of the Board of
Directors,

CHUNG KWAN TING,
General Manager.

PEARL HARBOUR VICTIM

Pearl Harbour, May 8.
Navy crews are making final
preparations to tow the rusting
hulk of the battleship "Oklahoma"
to her last voyage on Saturday
to the scrap yard.
The seagoing tug "Monarch"
and "Hercules" arrived today
from Seattle to tow the warship
to the Oakland, California, dry-
dock where she will be dis-
mantled.
The skipper of the "Monarch,"
George Anderson, said he ex-
pects the voyage will take 20 days.
—United Press.

Ankara, May 8.
The Turkish Ambassador to
Rome, Selim Barakat, has been
appointed permanent Turkish
delegate to the United Nations.
Information sources here said
that the Turkish Government
will submit a memorandum
concerning the situation in
Turkey to the Security Council
at its next session.

BRITISH ACCOUNTING IN PALESTINE ASKED

Lake Success, N.Y., May 8.
Rabbi Abba Silver, head of the Jewish Agency de-
legation, which took its place at the table of
the Political Committee of the United Nations
Assembly on Palestine today, suggested that
the British Government should present an ac-
count of its administrations of Palestine to a
fact-finding commission immediately and
urged this commission to enquire into the
"tragic unrest and violence in the Holy Land."
In his statement to the delegates of 55 nations,
Rabbi Silver, who is the President of the Zion-
ist Organisation of America, declared:—"The
administration of Palestine has since the out-
break of war been conducted by the manda-
tory power as if it were invested with, Pal-
estine sovereignty, whereas it is only a trustee
to carry out the mandate."

"To treat the Palestine prob-
lem as if it were merely a
question of reconciling dif-
ferences between two sections
of the population, or of finding
a haven for a certain number
of refugees, will only contribute
to confusion."

After quoting statements by
Lloyd George, Winston Church-
ill and President Truman on
the Jewish National Home
question, Rabbi Silver said: "I
regret that the statements made
by certain delegates recently
tended to confuse what should
be so clear."

"When we speak of a Jewish
State we do not have in mind
any racial state or any theo-
cratic state, but one which will
be based on full equality and
rights for all inhabitants, with-
out distinction of religion or
race and without domination or
subjugation."

He urged a fact-finding com-
mission to visit Palestine to see
how the Jews pioneered de-
velopment. If Jews were allowed
to develop uninterruptedly
the standards of life, which
were being developed in Pal-
estine, the concepts of social jus-
tice and modern scientific
methods would serve as a great
stimulus to the re-birth and
progress of the entire Near
East, he said.

The commission should also
ask why "shiploads of hopeless
Jewish refugees, who have been
through hells of Nazi Europe,
are being driven away from the
shores of their National Home
by the mandatory Government,
which assumed the prime ob-
ligation to facilitate Jewish
immigration."

No Quarrel

Rabbi Silver continued: "We
are not engaged in any criticism
or condemnation of the people
of Great Britain. We have no
quarrel with them."

"On the contrary we have
the highest regard and admira-
tion for that people and its
monumental contributions to
democratic civilisation. We
shall never forget it was Brit-
ain which first gave recogni-
tion to the national aspirations
of the Jewish people. It is only
the wrong and unjustifiable
policy which contradicts and
tends to defeat the far-visions
British statesmanship of the
earlier years which we con-
demn."

After Rabbi Silver had con-
cluded his address, Asaf Ali,
clerk of India, was the first delegate
to question him. Mr. Ali con-
gratulated the spokesman on
the moderation of his address
and added: "I assure him that
truth shall ring in the last re-
sort and human conscience will
not abandon its function."

Six Questions

He put six questions which
Rabbi Silver undertook to an-
swer later:—

1. What was the number of
Jews admitted from outside
Palestine in 1930 and 1939 and
finally 1939 when a White Paper
was issued by the British Gov-
ernment?

2. Whether Rabbi Silver re-
cognised the facts that there is
a very clear distinction between
a Jewish state and a Jewish
National Home?

3. Could he give any idea of
the age of the various com-
munities of National Jewry
living in Europe who would now
like to return to their National
Home? How long had they
lived in Europe and could they
be assimilated in Palestine?

4. Was there any reason why
Arabs opposed immigration
now?

5. Was there any reason why
Jewish refugees could not be
settled in their natural homes
in European countries, where
they spoke the language of the
country?

6. It was very gratifying to
learn that Rabbi Silver re-
cognised the "right of self-
determination" which the people of Britain had
played in Palestine. He would
like to see public recognition of
the Jewish Government being
their duty and authority. He
said that the Jewish people
were not asking for a Jewish
State, but for a Jewish National
Home.

MEMORIAL ON THE BEACHES

Paris, May 8.
Credits for building a
memorial on the Normandy
beach to commemorate the
Allied landings of June 6, 1944,
were approved today by the
French National Assembly.
The amount involved and
the exact site were not
disclosed.—Reuter.

"Cat" For Armed Robbers

London, May 8.
Two more whipping
sentences for armed robbery
were meted out in
England today.

William Howard, 23, seaman,
was sentenced at the Old Bailey
to six lashes of the whip and
seven years imprisonment for the
armed robbery of a South Lon-
don saloon keeper of £72.
Dennis Irving, 20, of the
Granadier Guards, was sentenced
at the North Hants Assizes to 15
lashes and 21 months hard
labour for assaulting two women
with intent to rob while armed,
the armed robbery of another
woman and stealing a car.—
United Press.

Communist Executed in Spain

Madrid, May 8.
An alleged Communist, Berna-
dio Esposito, was executed by
firing squad yesterday, according
to an official but reliable report
here.

Esposito, a widower with six
children, had been found guilty of
distributing Communist leaflets
and having plotted to set up a
guerrilla organisation in Madrid.

Three more alleged Commu-
nists—two men and a woman—
were sentenced to death yester-
day at Madrid and two others
were given two-year prison sen-
tences on the charge of placing
a bomb which exploded in the
Chancellery of the Argentine Em-
bassy in Madrid.

These sentences have to be con-
firmed by the Military Area Com-
mander.—Reuter.

United Nations Palestine en-
quiry commission.

They are in complete dis-
agreement with Russia on the
role the Great Powers should
play in the Palestine problem.

China, the United States and
Britain said they did not be-
lieve the commission should in-
clude the Big Five because of
the varied interests involved.

Russia said the committee
should be made up of the Five
great powers and six others by
geographical distribution.

After a long debate, the
Political Committee set up a sub-
committee of 11 members to
draft instructions for the en-
quiry group. The committee
includes the Big Five.—Asso-
ciated Press.

Winston Resigns From Commons Committee

London, May 8.
Winston Churchill, leader of the Parliamentary
Opposition, has resigned from the Privileges
Committee of the House of Commons "in view
of the fact that neither the Prime Minister, Mr.
Clement Attlee, nor the Leader of the House,
Mr. Herbert Morrison, will in future serve
upon the Committee, and of the alteration in
status of the body which will necessarily
ensue."

Earlier, Mr. Churchill made a
strong protest when two back-
bench Members of Parliament
were appointed to the Committee,
which is a powerful body of Mem-
bers of Parliament adjudicating
on alleged offences committed by
or against Members and dealing
with questions affecting the rights
of Parliament.

In a letter to Mr. Attlee, Mr.
Churchill said that the alteration
in the character of the Commit-
tee "can not fail to derogate from
its authority."

Mr. Attlee replied to Mr. Church-
ill in a letter in which he
said:—
"Having been a member of the
Committee for fifteen years and
Chairman for five, I can not agree
that the mere fact of neither
Prime Minister nor leader of the
House being members alters the
status of the Committee or de-
grades its authority."

Frankfurters Without Meat

Frankfurt, May 8.
Most Frankfurt butcher shops
have been shut for two weeks
because of lack of supplies.
Germans hung outside horse
meat shops at 3 a.m. and com-
plained that the Americans had
promised food upon the arrival
of "warm weather." The weather
was now warm, but still no sup-
plies had arrived, they said.
The crowds also expressed re-
sentment at Jewish butcher shops,
which have full meat supplies.
A man in dark glasses on the
street was identified as a food
wholesaler who was wearing dark
glasses to avoid recognition.
An Irish housewife said her
husband had been driven to quit
work because he had no meat to
eat.—United Press.



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Licence Suspension Appeal

Mr. Y.K. Kan successfully appealed, on behalf of Tsang Nam, licensed lorry driver, to Mr. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday for a reduction in the period of suspension of applicant's driving licence.

In his plea, counsel said that Tsang was employed by the New Kowloon Taxi Co. as a driver at a monthly salary of \$160. He also received about \$100 per month in "tip". With these amounts he had to look after his 70-year-old mother, wife, two daughters and a son. When he was fined \$250 on April 30, said Mr. Kan, Tsang had to borrow the money to pay the fine. As the result of the suspension of his licence for three months he was in the position of being deprived of three months' income.

Opposing the application, DI J. Scrim, Kowloon Traffic, said the gravity of the offence warranted the sentence passed. Defendant was convicted of reckless driving and speeding, said DI Scrim. Referring to the licence, DI Scrim said that defendant had no licence to drive a taxi as he was only a licensed lorry driver, and that there was not much likelihood of the former licence being issued to him after the terrible accident at Castle Peak.

The Traffic Office emphasised that taxi drivers have to undergo very strict tests as, in view of the greater responsibility of being responsible for the lives of their passengers, it is the aim of his department to select drivers for public vehicles.

Stating that deprivation of his licence would mean doing the man out of his livelihood as he did not appear to be one capable of earning his living by other means than that of a motor driver, His Worship modified the former sentence to a fine of \$250 and suspension of the licence for a fortnight from the date of the original order.

OVERSTAYED HIS LEAVE

When Kenneth Charles Saunders, 20, fireman of the ss. "Arcadia Victory," stepped into the office of A.P.L. at 4 p.m. on May 7, he was told to reserve his explanation for a Marine Magistrate as to why he turned up two hours after his ship had sailed. Saunders explained to Magistrate N. Garland yesterday that he had shore leave from his captain the previous day but was a bit hazy as to the exact duration of his leave. He was fined \$100. Captain Walton, of the American President Lines, prosecuted.

It is learned from Mr. Marcus da Silva that an appeal against the sentence on the seven members of the Kowloon Emergency Unit, who were convicted on charges of conspiracy to extort and demanding money with menaces by Mr. Blair-Kerr on Thursday, is to be filed in the near future.

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Japanese Interrupted Funeral Service Protests Only Led To Food Cuts

Evidence of a letter he had written to the Japanese Camp Commander at Kinkaseki complaining about continuous persecution of POWs, which, he submitted, would lead to all prisoners becoming mentally unbalanced within a few months if it continued, was given before No. 7 War Crimes Court yesterday by Major J.T.N. Cross.

Instances of persecution, cited in the letter, a copy of which was handed in to the Court as an exhibit, included one of Japanese soldiers disturbing a POW funeral service by continued shouts of "Speedo! Speedo!"

Another incident described in the letter related to a trick guards had of one of them telling POWs to get into bed before the appointed bed-time hour and another set of guards then coming in and beating up all those who had lain down.

The letter concluded: "The present state of the men in this camp is one of nervousness for no one knows at what moment he will be knocked off his feet or for what. I submit if it is the intention of the Nippon Army to continue this treatment then all prisoners will become mentally unbalanced within the next few months."

"Another typical example has just occurred whilst I am typing this letter. The Commander of the Guard walked into this office and with the butt of his rifle knocked me straight off the typewriter and almost through the window of the office. I now request that you will investigate the above instances and ensure that we may be treated at least as human beings."

Major Cross also identified extracts from a diary he had kept, recounting an incident in which 30 British officers at Kinkaseki had refused to work on copper sluicing tanks at the work of a type directly aiding the enemy.

Protest

A letter protesting against the work was sent by Lieut-Col. W. E. S. Napier to the Nippon Officer in charge of work on March 2, 1943. It read:

"All officers with the exception of those unfit have now had an opportunity of working on the copper sluicing tanks at the mine. They have now unanimously decided that this type of work is a direct aid to a nation at war with King and country and cannot therefore be carried out by officers holding the King's Commission."

"It is a well known fact that the code of honour of officers of the Imperial Japanese Army is of the highest standard and we feel sure that they would not, under the circumstances, deliberately do anything in the nature of forcing British officers to break their code of honour and their oath of allegiance to their King and country."

"The Regulations expressly forbidding officers to do this type of work are contained in our Manual of Military Law which I understand is in your possession."

"We all appreciate the thoughtfulness of the Camp Commander in providing us with this work on the grounds of health and we much regret the trouble that has been caused as we fully realise his difficulties under present circumstances."

This letter was returned later in the day by the Interpreter, who said that all officers who agreed to it must sign, and another letter was substituted. This read: "We, the undersigned, having fully considered the work of sluicing copper at the mine, are agreed that it is of such a nature that it contravenes the Regulations set out

SHIP ON FIRE

Kingston, May 8.

A Swedish ship, the name of which was given as "Shea," was abandoned on fire today ten miles southeast of Kingston. A search is being made for the crew.

Earlier today, Mackay Radio in the United States picked up a message from an unidentified ship saying: "Ship is breaking up and the position is about ten miles from Kingston."—Reuter.

work, this we now see totally showing ourselves lacking consciousness and insulting Nippon and her soldiers.

"We are ashamed for what we have conferred and decided on the 2nd inst. fell sorry to Nippon, Nippon Army and the commander and exposed our blunder to our N.C.O. and men. We are entirely refraining from the work since and recollecting the teaching our Commander gave us. We must restore our honour and worrying how we could do so.

"We attribute all mistakes in the past to our fault and would request the commander to clean slate this unpleasant incident and allow us to resume work at earliest opportunity."

Reply

Immediately the following reply came back: "Perusing the letters wrote to me by your officers I find all of them consider the work in the copper sluicing their main point and expect to be released as term of exchange in resuming work there."

"2. Commander of the camp heard often of your on so 'called voluntary basis' and knows very well how it is sly and irresponsible, he did not imprison you to enforce you to work, in overlooking the stipulation of International Law.

"In refusing to work you have some false legal points as excuse and I gave you an explanation on the International Law because your dubious principal will bring you nothing but contempt of other Party, therefore requiring you an introspection, remember, I do not mean to demand you to work."

"4. Commander of this camp extremely hates your thought itself indicating as not to 'co-operate' in industrial activity in enemy country you entirely forget a favour by which your lives in the Battle field have been narrowly saved from danger, and still maintain hostile attitude if so you can determine that this Camp is also as battle field and we Nippon Army will treat you with same feeling as yours."

On March 17 the Commander started the interrogation of each officer separately and this continued until the 20th. On March 20 he came into the detention room, stood on a chair, and stated that he was not yet satisfied, as some of the stories told by officers did not agree. Immediately Lt. Colonel Napier stepped forward and told the Commander that he would accept full responsibility for the whole incident. The Commander thereupon sentenced Lt. Colonel Napier to a further five days' imprisonment and Lt. Colonel Napier, who had signed the second letter, to a further three days' imprisonment.

"Repentance"

The following notices then appeared on the Camp Notice Board:

"29. Officers, Prisoners of War, while being imprisoned on account of disobedience are being released to-day as they have shown remarkable repentance."

"While being placed in an important role as liaison officer concerning petition made by all Officers, P.O.W. for their work, he neglected to convey the wishes of the Nippon Army to them causing the incident enlarged unnecessarily. For this reason he is sentenced to be imprisoned for three days."

"Lt. Colonel Napier, for the reason he has made a false statement against the enquiry of the Camp Commander he is sentenced to be imprisoned for five days."

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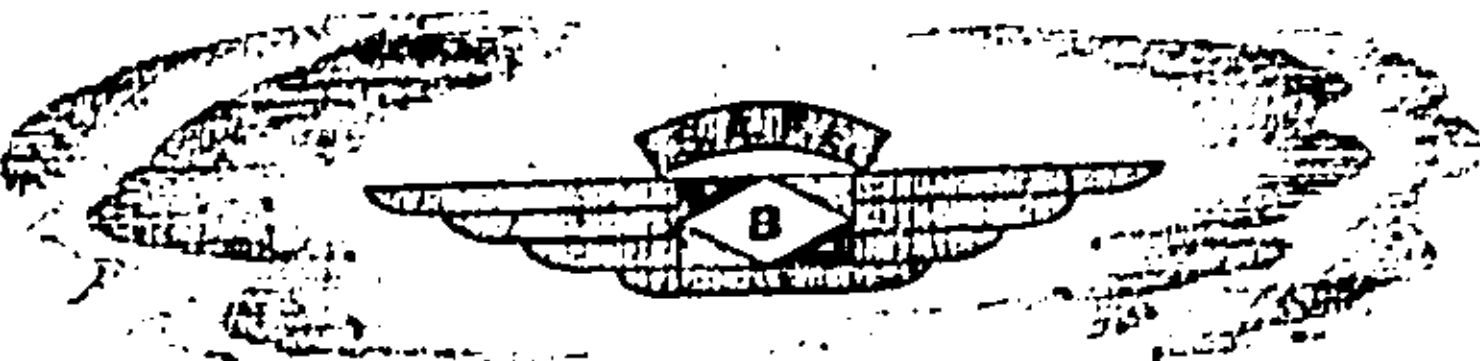
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QUOTAS AND EXCHANGE

The adoption of a new system of exchange allocation, having as its basis import quotas for a wide range of commodities, will be received with mixed feelings, though few can have been completely taken by surprise. That there will be much heart-burning is a foregone conclusion. The official announcement, while it indicates intention to make provision for firms established since the war, contemplates the fixing of quotas in relation to the volume of trade done in some particular commodity by the various applicants in a full pre-war year. It would seem to follow, necessarily, that the old-established firms will get preferential treatment, and younger, possibly enterprising, newcomers are bound to set up the cry that the Government is conferring premiums on conservatism and on the Big Five in the import-export business. Whether they are right or wrong, and they are possibly wrong, it is difficult to see what alternative method could be employed which would eliminate this cause for misgiving without creating a danger of greater anomalies and more serious accusations of discrimination. In principle, the quota system of organising controlled imports is essentially fair to everybody. Once that is accepted, it is necessary to admit also that some sort of yardstick must be employed to guide those making the quota allocations in their decisions, and any measure which failed to take into account what may be termed the "normal" trade channels would provide very real ground for protest. On analysis, the system it is proposed to adopt appears to be the fairest that can be devised; for it must be assumed that the interests of the Little Man will not be overlooked, and that the newcomer to the import business will be given full consideration. What is perhaps more important is the list of commodities provided in the two schedules attached to the announcement. These define, for the first time, the imports which are regarded as essential to the Colony's well-being, and they exclude such items, for instance, as American women's shoes which have for so long enjoyed popularity in Hong Kong. Cigarettes, beer, and motor vehicles do not qualify for the principal schedule, the implication being that the effort to conserve hard currency will go somewhat farther than broad quotas and that there is to be a severe tightening up of restrictions on the import of these items, which, at least nominally, can equally well be obtained from the sterling area. It will be easier, in other words, to obtain exchange for sewing machines than for Philip Morris cigarettes, for coconuts oil than for coffee. What it amounts to, in effect, is that Hong Kong, faced as it is by a threatened shortage of dollars, is compelled to draw in its horns, and commercial circles must still prepare themselves for disappointments, in refusals by Exchange Control to authorise acceptance of offers which, hitherto, have passed muster. On the other hand, the new system promises a substantial advantage to importers who happen to be in the right line of business. The quota provisions initially cover a period of six months, from June to December. When the allotments have been made and the importer has a clear idea, in advance, of the amount of exchange the Government is prepared to allow him, he will be in a position to make his commitments ahead in the knowledge that there will be no last-minute hitch in the securing of authorisation for payment. This, in itself, should represent a valuable gain; for one of the sharpest and most justified complaints against local exchange control has been on the score that dealers have been frequently and seriously embarrassed by a sudden modification of policy without prior warning, leaving them in a position where orders have been confirmed and the money to

Now and again a minor incident starts a train of historical reflection and helps to illustrate underlying principles. Such an incident I had in the landing on April 29 of the King and Queen of England at St. Helena, the land to which Napoleon was exiled after the Battle of Waterloo in 1815 and where he died in 1821.

This was the first time that reigning British sovereigns have visited this small Crown Colony. Yet the occasion and circumstances preceding it serve as a reminder of the evolutionary process which British institutions have undergone since the Napoleonic era.

The King and Queen were returning from their long and triumphant tour through the Union of South Africa. While there they were not welcomed as sovereigns of England but as King and Queen "in South Africa," a free and independent Dominion. They were not visiting a colony of the Empire. At St. Helena, on the other hand, they entered a colony of the British Empire. This distinction should be borne in mind whenever the term the "British Commonwealth and Empire" is used.

The Balfour Report

The defeat of Britain in the North American colonial war fostered a widespread belief that her sun had set, a belief firmly held by European rulers as intelligent as Frederick of Prussia, Catherine of Russia, Joseph of Austria. Yet within a space of years England became leader of the forces of Europe against the dictatorship of Napoleon and she learned so well the lesson of defeat in North America that she replaced the principle of central government by the method of increasing freedom. Under this method Canada, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa presently attained self-government and then full nationhood and independence—a line of development that culminated in the adoption in November, 1926, of the famous Balfour "Report on Inter-Imperial Relations."

The Balfour Report declared that members of the British Commonwealth are free and independent nations, in no way subject one to another, though bound together by their joint allegiance to a common Crown. Of the Commonwealth it said that "free institutions are its life blood." It defined the wearer of the Crown as King in Canada, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa, no less than in Great Britain. It debarred British Ministers from advising the King in matters

pertaining to the affairs of the Dominions, whose Ministers alone would be entitled to counsel him upon them. Shortly afterwards these principles of the Balfour Report were enshrined in the Statute of Westminster.

A Scornful Professor

In December, 1926, I was invited by the German High School for Politics in Berlin to address its students upon what was called "The New Constitution of the British World-Empire." After I had explained the workings of the method of liberty, a Prussian professor angrily dismissed the whole conception as "Utopian and impossible" and asked scornfully how any Empire could exist if it did not possess a "central force" to ensure the complete subordination of its members. When I answered that the British Commonwealth and Empire placed their trust in voluntary co-operation, he made it plain that he thought me a fool.

I have often wondered in which direction the folly lay—in that of a Germany already ripening for the dictatorship of Hitler or in that of the British Commonwealth whose members spontaneously fought and suffered to preserve freedom and to rid Germany of Nazi tyranny.

Things Napoleon Forgot

From Hitler to Napoleon the retrospective vista of history may seem long. Yet Hitler's ambition to dominate the world often brought back to my mind a talk with Marshall Foch in 1921 on the centenary of Napoleon's death at St. Helena. Foch had studied profoundly the campaigns and life of Nelson. He had commanded Allied armies or some of the old Napoleonic battlefields. Dis-

cussing the reasons for Napoleon's failure Foch said, "In my view the deep reason for the disaster that overwhelmed him must be sought elsewhere than in himself. He forgot that a man cannot be god; that above the individual, there is the nation; that above man, there is the moral law; and that war is not the highest goal, since, above war, there is peace."

These things the British Commonwealth and Empire have not forgotten. They strive for peace not war—peace with freedom. Notwithstanding the widespread assumption that Britain has again fallen upon evil days from which she can hardly recover, it is prudent to remember the words of the late Hal Fisher upon the apparent eclipse of England after the loss of her North American colonies. He wrote: "It has always been found difficult to take Britain's measure." The measure taken in 1781 proved wrong. It is my firm belief that any similar measure now taken will prove not less erroneous.

RUSSIAN LOYALTY TO STALIN

By JOHN HIGHTOWER

London, May 9.

The Soviet Government relaxed censorship during the Moscow Conference but it never let down any of the barriers which make Russia in this age one of the world's most mysterious lands.

Diplomats whose job it is to study the governments they are assigned to cannot definitely answer any of the great questions which millions of people ask about the USSR now.

One question frequently asked in Moscow embassies is whether Marshal Joseph Stalin runs the country with full power in his own hands or whether the real authority is exercised by the

Poltburo with Stalin simply as its most powerful member.

Another question concerns Stalin's successor. Will it be Foreign Commissar V. I. Molotov or some member of the Poltburo?

Will he be chosen before or after Stalin relinquishes power or has he already been chosen? Will Stalin's withdrawal from office under any circumstances cause a great contest for power among men along with him?

I found no one in Moscow who could give more than a personal opinion based on a guess except that informed western diplomats put odds in favour of an orderly rather than disputed succession.

Foreigners have rare contacts with Stalin and regular connections with Molotov and lesser lights of the Foreign Office.

But most of the top men in the government they have never seen. There is only a small handful of Americans scattered over Russia now. Mostly they are engineers.

The consensus reaching Moscow from these men is that they find average Soviet citizen polite, friendly, helpful, reasonably skilled and prone to take a day off when he accumulated some rubles.

The Soviet engineers they said are given to experimenting care-

lessly with machinery they do not understand and sometimes ruin it. The Soviet scientists, according to these sources, are probably among the best anywhere, but most Americans in the position to judge doubt whether the Soviet Union has sufficiently skilled, and widely developed production techniques at present to build for instance an atomic energy plant or an atomic bomb factory.

The Russians as a people seem to be absolutely loyal to their government and Stalin by all accounts is held in great veneration.

Foreign visitors get the impression that the tomb of Lenin in the Red Square is to the Russians at large a kind of religious political shrine.

All agencies of public information are constantly employed to tell the people how good their government is, what it is doing for them and what capable men run it.

The Russians are strong on culture. Their big factories have cultural centres. For a foreigner it is almost impossible to tell whether the Russians really feel close to their government and leaders in the top group around Stalin—but the usual assumption is they do.

Certainly the westerners in Moscow consider the Kremlin in turn today by men extremely sensitive to the wants of the masses. Frequently when a government is so tightly controlled at the top there is unrest in some elements of the people. But there is no evidence of any such condition in the Soviet Union.

Guerillas In Spain

Madrid, May 8.

The anti-Franco guerrilla forces of Spain are mostly big-city warriors.

Their hide-out may be old dwellings in the crowded poor quarters. Their headquarters may be the back room of a cheap Madrid bar. Their attacks may be alternately in town or in the country where they think they can deal the hardest psychological blow.

Informed quarters said that the stock concept of bold guerrillas roaming about Spain's mountainous wilderness and bivouacking in the lofty crags of the Guadarramas is old-fashioned. There is too much chance of detection in the open spaces, so the guerrillas find no more safety and more freedom of movement in populous cities like Madrid and Barcelona.

The so-called guerrillas are generally regarded the shock-troop auxiliary of the Communist movement. Indiscriminate use of the term has led to considerable confusion. Sometimes the guerrillas are Communists; sometimes they belong to some anti-Franco, anti-Communist organization like the CNT (Confederacion Nacional de Trabajo); sometimes they are non-political highwaymen looking for an easy bankroll.

El Guerrillero

The most publicized striking force of the Communists is the "Guerrilla Army of Galicia," whose exploits are chronicled in a Communist Party folder called "El Guerrillero." They claim to have killed several "prominent Falangists" in reprisal for the killing of their companions.

Informed quarters reported that available evidence shows that the guerrillas are not numerous and do not constitute an effective fighting unit in the military sense. Their activities included planting bombs in downtown foodshops as well as sabotaging railway lines and killing their enemies in periodic raids.

The Communist organization in Spain is a phantom movement but a very real movement, too. Police quarters claimed that organizational activities are directed by the Spanish government party in southern France in collaboration with both Russian and French Communist sympathizers. They said that agents infiltrated from France are sabotaging the Franco army and are killing in small towns to hinder army movements.

have penetrated from Portugal and North Africa.

Phantom Aspect

Police quarters said that various committees are organized in the cities. In turn, cells are created wherever there is available membership material. They claimed organizational work is directed by a liaison agent in touch with the central committee in France. Consequently, the liaison agent frequently is unknown to most of the committee members. In turn, committees may operate in one city without being aware of another's activities.

This gives the movement a phantom aspect. The police may arrest members of a group believed to be the central committee and find that another "central committee" already has taken its place.

There is no reliable estimate of the number of active Communists or sympathizers in Spain.

The penalty for complicity in Communist activities is so severe that members and sympathizers move with utmost caution. Police quarters said the objective appears to be (1) to indoctrinate as many Spaniards as possible in the Communist philosophy so that they will have a large potential following in the event of a government turnover, and (2) to engage in terrorist activities for the psychological effect.

Long Term Game

They opined that the Communists are working on a long-term programme since they do not appear to have sufficient funds to undertake a serious drive to overthrow the government.

The organisers are well supplied with money. They smuggle in arms, explosives and any weapons useful for sabotage, raids and holdups.

A prominent anti-Communist, leftwing Spaniard told United Press that the Communists are the best-organized and strongest opposition force in the country, even though they lack the numerical strength of other anti-Franco groups.

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By Shepard Barclay

"The Authority on Authorities"

AT RISK OF BORING

Undenably, there are times when the underlead of an ace against a suit contract steals a defensive trick. If your partner has a doubleton king, the return of the ace may give him a lethal ruff—but seldom unless the declarer and dummy each have three cards of the suit. Again, if the dummy holds the king-jack, play of the lower honor may give your partner the queen, and your ace wins the second trick. But such things are so rare that at the risk of boring, once again we advise you as strongly as possible against that worst of all opening leads.

S. 8
H. 10 8 6 2
D. A 10 6 4
C. J 8 6 2

S. A 8 6 5
H. K 4
D. K 7 5 2
C. K 10 3

N. 4
W. 9 5
E. Q 3 8
C. Q 6 4

S. K J 3 2
H. A Q J 7 2
D. 9 8
C. A 7

(Dealer: South. Neither side vulnerable.)
South West North East
1 H Pass 2 H Pass
4 H West didn't like to lead away from A of his king, so did much worse—underled his only ace. When South captured East's Q with the K, West's chance for a trick with the A was gone. So South made his contract easily, losing one trick each in the other three suits.

Tomorrow's Problem
S. Q 9 8
H. K J 7 6 4
D. Q 7
C. 9 5 2

S. J 10 5
H. Q 8
D. A J 9
C. J 7 4

S. A 8 3 2
H. J 10 5
D. J 8
C. 10 6 4

(Dealer: South. Neither side vulnerable.)
What is the sound defence against South's A-K-Q? What is the best lead?

BRITAIN'S WAR DEBTS

Churchill Demands Downward Revision

Only Debtor In The World

London, May 9. Mr. Winston Churchill joined Chancellor of the Exchequer Hugh Dalton on Thursday in demanding a downward revision of Britain's war debts.

"Why should Britain be the only debtor country in the world while those she has rescued and those she has conquered go into the future without having to drag the terrible chain of war debts behind them?" he asked.

Mr. Dalton, apparently leading a government drive for the reduction of Britain's foreign obligations, called for a scaling down of British war debts in a speech to the Brazilian Chamber of Commerce in London on Tuesday night.

Speaking at Apothecaries Hall on Thursday in a ceremony in which he received the freedom of the City of Darlington, the war-time Prime Minister called for the settlement of Britain's war obligations along the lines of Lend-Lease.

"When I consider how we have defended and rescued these countries, I certainly feel that the question of the settlement of these war obligations, which are quite different from commercial transactions, should be brought into the general line of Lend-Lease that great idea of President Roosevelt's, the most unworldly act which history records, whereby all in the war together share the sufferings and the burdens and go equally into the sunlight at the end," Mr. Churchill declared.

Announcing that he was in complete agreement with Mr. Dalton, the leader of the Conservative opposition declared:

Paying The Price
"Our country is paying the price of its tremendous exertion. No nation, no community in the world, in my view—and I believe it will be endorsed by all—has given so much. We were riding the race with whip and spur from start to finish. It is not surprising in the end that we felt exhausted."

Speaking of current conditions in Oriental countries, Mr. Churchill said he found them "more buoyant and active" than in Britain.

"It must be remembered," he continued, "that they were compressed during the war; they were down, whereas we were starting to finish were giving all we had."—Associated Press.

U.S. Statement
Washington, May 8. The United States Secretary

of the Treasury, Mr. J. C. Snyder, made a statement today on the United States position regarding the proposal for the scaling down of Britain's war debts.

Mr. Snyder's statement was interpreted here as meaning that the United States wishes to preserve a non-committal attitude towards negotiations by Britain with such creditor nations as India and Egypt which are expected to begin next month.

At his weekly press conference yesterday, Mr. Snyder stated that the United States "supported the thesis that they (the British) should negotiate with her creditor countries and make the settlements." Referring to the negotiation of the United States loan to Britain, he added: "We did not discuss how they should do it."

Mr. Snyder was inaccurately reported by the United States News Agency to have said that the United States supported the thesis that there should be a scaling down of Britain's debts and this caused a considerable comment in diplomatic circles here today.

Emphatic Demand
Mr. Snyder issued an emphatic denial that he had made any such suggestion or recommendation. He said today:

"In the settling of debts between parties, the settlement can be agreed upon as to maturities, methods of payment, rates of interest, etc. Such settlements may or may not include the scaling down of the debt."

The non-committal attitude being taken by Mr. Snyder has caused some confusion in diplomatic circles here, as it has been assumed that, in the course of discussions during the negotiation of the loan agreement in 1945, the United States was definitely in favour of Britain's debts to other creditor nations being scaled down.

Press Support
The "Washington Post" today described Dalton's speech on war debts as a "declaration of

KILLED FILM ACTRESS

Lahore, May 8. The *Scanton* Court here today sentenced to death Arthur Zed, the murderer of his movie actress niece Mary Beatrice Dean, in the *Royal Pugh*—movie studio centre of Lahore—in November last year.

He stabbed her to death when he found a film director in the room where she was resting after a full night's shooting.—Reuter.

Arson In Tel-Aviv

Tel-Aviv, May 8. Four local shops, with contents valued at \$20,000, were destroyed by fires today set by a group of youthful non-political extremists fighting against the sale of imported goods in Palestine.

The police said the incidents were not connected with the recent political outbreaks in the Holy Land.

Groups of youths in commandeered taxis and trucks swooped down on the shops after the shop owners had ignored repeated warnings to get rid of imported goods in favour of Palestine-made products. The youths held up the stores at pistol point while accomplices poured petrol on the contents before starting the blazes.

Fire brigades kept the fires from spreading beyond the shop premises, but telephone communications were disrupted in several parts of the city when wires burned down.

Meanwhile, political terrorists telephoned warnings to the Public Information Office, Censorship Bureau and Food Controllers Department to evacuate their offices "or be blown up." Searches disclosed the warnings to be hoaxes.—United Press.

Orleans, via Paris, May 8. President Vincent Auriol was guest of honour today at the traditional ceremonies marking the 518th anniversary of the delivery of Orleans by Joan of Arc.—United Press.

France To Honour Churchill

Paris, May 8. Amid a colourful display by the French Army tomorrow, Britain's war-time Premier, Mr. Winston Churchill, will receive the highest military decoration of France—the *Medaille Militaire*.

Three military bands, eighty horsemen of the famous French Spahis regiment, two battalions of infantry and a company of Alpine Chasseurs will stand to attention as the British war leader receives the honour from the French Premier, M. Ramadier.

Traditionally, Mr. Churchill should receive Frs. 200 (ten shillings) for a year of life along with the decoration, but in the case of the heavy-smoking former Prime Minister, the French spokesman said, he did not think the matter would be brought up.

"After all," the spokesman said, "two hundred francs would not buy him even one cigar."

Ramadier Chosen
M. Ramadier was chosen to confer the gold and silver medal upon Britain's war-time leader because traditionally the medal must be bestowed by a non-commissioned officer who also holds the medal.

M. Ramadier has both of these qualifications. He was awarded the medal after having been wounded on the Western front in 1914. He was a Sergeant at the time and was the first French lawyer to receive the decoration.

The citation which M. Ramadier will read in making the presentation reads: "Mr. Churchill as 'one of the artisans of the liberation of France and of the unconditional capitulation of the enemy.'"—Reuter.

LORD KNOLLYS' TOUR

London, May 8. Before relinquishing his duties as Chairman of the British Overseas Airways Corporation, Lord Knollys will take a 38,000-mile air tour of many of the Corporation's worldwide routes in company with Mr. Whitney Straight, who joins the BOAC as Managing Director on July 1.

During the five week tour, they will visit America, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, the Malay states, India, Iraq, Palestine, Egypt, and East Africa. They are due at Calcutta on June 1.—Reuter.

New Fashions Defy Convention

London, May 8. After two years of catching thieves as a London bobby and five years of foot-slogging as an infantryman, Robert Freemantle turned up in another role today and presented Mayfair with the most striking and unorthodox fashions of a long and bizarre season.

A lean and pleasant six-footer, Freemantle topped tradition by appearing, not in the morning coat that is almost a uniform for designers, but in a well-worn double-breasted tweed suit. An audience of trade buyers and customers, including Mrs. Lewis Douglas, wife of the United States Ambassador to London, paid tribute to his finger-snapping at convention.

Just before his models were paraded, Freemantle told friends that he had been retained by British studios for film costume design and his work did have a certain theatrical quality. One suit that he insisted was quite practical was tailored in white flannel, with novelty buttons shaped like six-shooters in white and gold, holster-shaped pockets with small lapels stitched on. It was accompanied by a large white hat studded with nailheads.

"I view London as the perfect neutral background for splashy colour," Freemantle said in explanation.

One of his more notable evening gowns was in scarlet velvet, with 14 yards of material in the skirt. The fitted bodice was embroidered with white silk cording and spattered with rhinestones and tiny mirrors. The long light sleeves were pointed at the wrists.

Freemantle said he did not strive for any particular silhouette or colour combination, but used any dress-making device that he thought suitable, regardless of its place in current fashion.

"Gothic Echo"
He achieved a nice effect in a suit of pale green, called "Gothic Echo." The Gothic influence was indicated in the pockets, collar and in the sleeves held together with link buttons. He said he expected a stable overseas order for some of the 51 items shown, including hats designed by himself.

Not that it makes any difference to his ability as a designer, but Freemantle was the hero of a pursuit in which his long legs helped him collar a robber after a run through the crowded Piccadilly area in the wartime blackout.

"That," he recalls, "was my life's big thrill."—United Press.

Rolls-Royce To Be Made Abroad
London, May 7. Licences to manufacture or improve Rolls Royce engines, including the "Nene" and "Derwent" have now been granted to all the Great Powers—China, France, Russia and the U.S.A. Australia is also going to produce Rolls Royce jet-propulsion engines and Argentina has purchased them for her own aircraft.

Rolls Royce have just published new details of the "Nene," Britain's most powerful gas turbine. Now being used to power the De Havilland "Vampire" Mark II, it is said to give this aircraft a better take off climb and ceiling.

A short time ago an unofficial height record of 51,000 feet for a jet-engined aircraft was established by a "Vampire" fitted with a Nene engine.

The makers claim also that by thousands of hours of development running they have succeeded in making the "Nene" the most reliable jet engine of its class. In a recent unprecedented endurance test in the U.S.A. the "Nene" ran for 150 hours and passed gruelling Army and Navy tests at the U.S.A. Naval Air Material Centre in Philadelphia.—L.P.S.

Failure Of British Wheat Goal
London, May 8. The Earl of Huntingdon, Parliamentary Secretary to the Agriculture Ministry, told the House of Lords today that farmers would fall half a million acres short of the 2,500,000-acre wheat goal because of the March and April floods.

In the second day of the Lords' debate, Lord Huntingdon said: "In these last few months, the agricultural industry suffered a major and gigantic disaster. Nearly 700,000 acres of our best agricultural land was utterly inundated. Of these, 71,000 acres will not bear crops this year. The average yield of wheat is about 1,440,000 acres, compared to our target of 2,500,000 acres."

Dollar The Key
He said, however, that critics of Government failed to appreciate the temper of the people. He said Government had never hesitated to pay "any price possible" to get maize and other feeding stuffs, but that the dollar was the key to the situation.

He described the agriculture bill now in committee as the "greatest charter for agriculture ever produced by any Government for any farming community in the world because it gives them the power to buy and sell their produce on the world market."—United Press.

Sabotage In R.N. Sloop

Devonport, May 8. Two attempts to sabotage the engines of the new British naval sloop "Snipe" last October, only a month after she had been completed, were disclosed at a naval court martial here today.

Witnesses testified that each time about two teaspoonful of gritty substance like brick dust were found in a turbine bearing. The vessel was on a goodwill tour of South America at the time and subsequently broke down. The court martial convicted Frank Albert Luck, Commissioned Engineer, 37, of failing to report the finding of the gritty substance. He was sentenced to be severely reprimanded.

Lieutenant W. E. Miller, prosecuting, said Luck's actions had prejudiced investigators "trying to bring the saboteur to book." He accused Luck of neglect of duty.—United Press.

Gunboats To Join Rebels
Buenos Aires, May 8. Two Paraguayan gunboats, the "Paraguay" and the "Humaita," reported to be under the control of the insurgent navy men, sailed from Buenos Aires today after firing occurred last night aboard the two vessels.

Captain Gutierrez Yegros, commanding the two ships, was a prisoner aboard the "Paraguay," according to unconfirmed reports, and Captain Diaz Bence, commanding the "Humaita," was reported to have moved to a hotel ashore.

Both gunboats are understood to be planning to steam up-river to join forces in the revolt against the government of General Merino, President of Paraguay.

Three men were seriously wounded and several others slightly wounded in last night's clash. The two gunboats had been in port here since the outbreak of the Paraguayan civil war two months ago. The outcome of the clash was not officially known, and the Argentine authorities insist they were ignoring the incident. It was officially stated that they would not intervene except to take care of the wounded sailors.—Reuter.

What Stalin Said To Stassen
London, May 9. Moscow radio said yesterday that a "number of deliberate alterations and unprecise points" appeared in the text of a recent conversation of Gen. Stalin with Republican Stassen, as issued by Stassen and published in the American press.

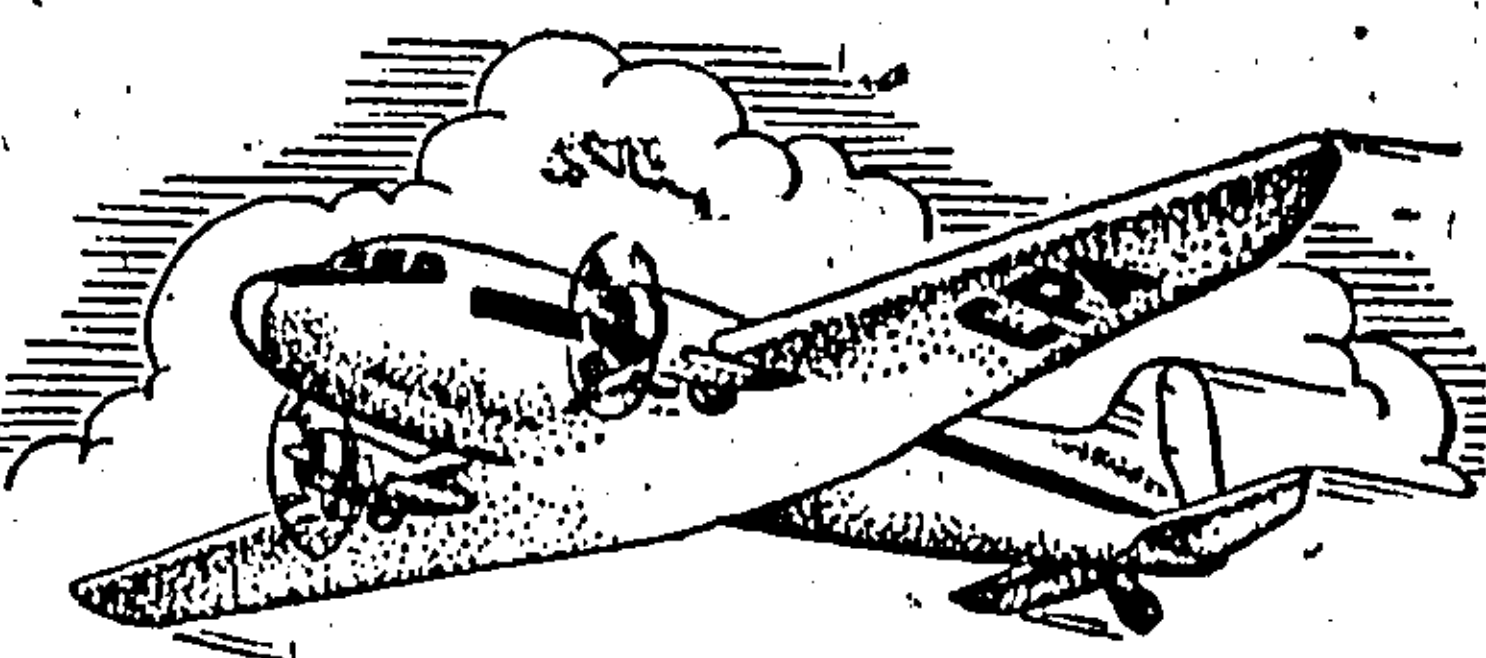
The broadcast quoted a long and painstaking comparison of the texts as published by the Russian news agency Tass and an English language translation; the chief differences appeared to be variations in the translations of words.

Tass preferred the word "collaborate" to "cooperate" as used in the English text and the word "control" for "regulation."

Tass termed its version a correct one, saying that the transcript handed to Stassen in Moscow was the one approved by himself and Stalin.

Tass translation, however, paraphrased the interview almost entirely, making it impossible to direct comparison between the two scripts.—Associated Press.

FOREIGN LABOUR IN BRITAIN
London, May 8. By May 7, 2,750 European volunteer workers had arrived in Britain, stated Mr. N. Edwards, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Labour, in the House of Commons today. They are being specifically recruited to fill vacancies in essential underground industries.



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CANTON INSURANCE MEETING**Uncompromising Attitude Of Steamship Companies**

Criticism of the present uncompromising attitude of steamship companies towards claims for cargo losses, was voiced by the Hon. Mr. D. F. Landale yesterday when he addressed shareholders at the 62nd annual general meeting of the Canton Insurance Office Ltd. held in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Co., Ltd.

Mr. Landale said that under the present conditions of abnormal conditions various claims have been introduced into bills of lading to evade what would normally be the carrier's liability under the Carriage of Goods by Sea Act.

Supporting Mr. Landale in the chair were the Hon. Mr. M.K. Lo and Messrs. F.C. Barry, W.A. Stewart, C. Bernard Brown, P.S. Cassidy, D.E. Clark and S.T. Williams (members of Consulting Committee) and Mr. K.A. Mason (Secretary).

Opening the meeting, the Chairman said: "It is very pleasing to your General Agents and Consulting Committee again to find before you such a satisfactory account as that for 1946, which has run off with a credit balance of \$2,207,168. The balance is down by \$218,406 when compared with that for 1944 but this latter account was a record. Premium income fell from \$5,036,850 in 1944 to \$1,353,475. However, this was common with most marine insurance companies and was due in the main to the decline in war risk rates following the cessation of hostilities. I am glad to say that interest is up by \$22,653 and whilst this is most gratifying, I fear it will be a long time before interest from investments approaches our pre-war figures. The investment of funds in these days presents a problem and it is a matter which engages the constant attention of the General Agents and Consulting Committee."

"A comparison of ratios between the two years reveals losses at 36.13% for 1945 as against 36.86% for 1944 while charges work out at 25.16% compared with 25.16% the underwriting surplus after 24 months working was 38.41%."

"The balance of \$2,207,168 at credit of 1946 account allows of the payment of an interim dividend of \$5 per share for that year, leaving an amount of \$2,572,441 to be carried forward."

"The Chairman made reference last year to the heavy incidence of losses due to theft and pilferage particularly at Far Eastern ports. I am pleased to say that the position has improved somewhat since that time but claims due to this cause are still fairly substantial. Fortunately the enhanced rates received under the combined marine surcharge go a long way towards offsetting these claims. I feel I must refer to the present uncompromising attitude of steamship companies towards claims. Under the plea of abnormal conditions various 'chops' have been introduced into bills of lading with a view to evading what would normally be the carrier's liability under the Carriage of Goods by Sea Act. In many cases claims which are shipping companies are turned down and it is only after much time and trouble have been expended that recovery is made."

"There is an explanation to make in connection with the resolution with regard to the re-appointment of our Auditors, Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews and Percy Smith & Co. In view of present day costs, they requested that consideration should be given to an adjustment in their fees and your Board agreed to increase same by 100% to date back to Jan. 1, 1946, thus allowing of the amended fees being payable in respect of the audit just completed. To regularise the position I shall be glad if the proposer of the motion re-appointing the auditors and increasing their remuneration will make the latter retrospective to the beginning of the year 1946."

"I now propose the following Resolution:—'That the report and accounts, as presented, including the payment of a final dividend in respect of the year 1945 of \$7 per share and an interim dividend in respect of the year 1946 of \$5 per share and the addition of \$1,907,108 to underwriting surplus account be adopted and passed.'"

The motion was seconded by Mr. M.W. Lo and carried unanimously.

Members of the Consulting Committee were re-elected on the proposal of Mr. J. H. Seth, seconded by Mr. S. Hampden-Tennant.

Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews and Percy Smith & Co. were re-appointed auditors at a fee of \$10,000 each for the year 1946 and 1947.

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Money Market

The money market was buzzed with activity yesterday as heavy speculation kept rates of both gold and Plaster notes constantly on the move.

Announcement of an increase in the official price of gold in Shanghai caused a non-stop 1/2-point spurt from \$200.50 to \$273 a tola. The market opened at \$203.25 and had weakened to \$200.50 when the electrifying news came. It eased off somewhat to \$208 at the close.

Plaster started off at \$12.30 a 100 lb and to \$12.23, and then climbed to \$13.30. It was a day of enormous fluctuation, and the rate closed at \$12.55.

Chinese National Currency continued to improve, and there was a general tone of returning confidence among operators. Futures, after opening at 16-7/8 cents for CNY1,000 closed at 18 cents. Spot rose to 23 1/2 cents.

U.S. dollars had buyers at \$4.62. Sterling improved slightly to \$14.30; and Australian pounds remained unchanged at \$12.52.

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

Peninsula Hotel arrivals (Thursday): W.T. Farrell, Miss J.W. Pinkerton, J. Harber, E.D. Standish, Mrs. MacQueen, R.C. Harrow, W.M. Turner, S. Hilditch, J. Lee, J. Purvey, Mrs. (Miss) M.P. Graham, H.M. Taylor and E. Anis (U.S. Army), Alex. Morice, Gibson Pao, Geo. Knox, Miss Ching-mo, Wang Tai-ai, C.M. Yu, Mr. and Mrs. G.F. Woo, Mrs. Norman Miller, Miss M. Lieberherr, H.L. Nicholls, C.Y. Chow.

Peninsula Hotel departures (Thursday): H. Wing, Mr. and Mrs. W.C. Wilson, G. Zanetti, H.W. McDonald, D.A. Campbell, D.V. Rice.

Sir John Lubbock arrived by R.A.F. aircraft yesterday and is due to leave by BOAC today.

The following passengers have arrived from Singapore by BOAC jet-rocket: Mr. and Mrs. Jackson, Messrs. Harrington, Hewes, Tay, Jeeles, Teo, Chong-yeow, Yehoon, Ng Yuck-kwong, Gold, Laine, Mr. Delaney and son, Mrs. Chong Bow-cheng, Mrs. Tang, Teck-koon, P.L. Moorhead, F.L. Mooney, K.Y. Bloch, L.Y. Cdr. Mitchell and W. Cdr. Masterman.

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DOW JONES AVERAGES

New York, May 8.
A major change is being made in issues comprising Dow Jones utility stock price averages, effective immediately. Dow Jones is dropping stocks issued by six holding companies which have a proportion of their assets to satisfy the Utility Holding Company Act requirements.

These divestments have been subjecting holding company stocks to wide market fluctuations. They are being replaced by issues of six companies not subject to the Securities and Exchange Commission divestment orders.—Reuter.

Shipping List**In Port**

Annabek (Wallon)	Yamail
Dele (Thoreau)	Kin. Dk.
Nathan (Gilmann)	Holt's Whf.
Citex II (Texas Oil)	Lalchikok
Edith Moller	S.S. Po.
Empire Dik	Kin. Dk.
Empire Labrador (Williamson)	Shanghai
Empire Mountain (Moller)	Kin. Dk.
Empire Park (Jelutian)	R.C.
Empire Puma (Gilmann)	A-13
Empire Terra (Gilmann)	do
Eurybate (B. & S.)	Holt's Whf.
Fengtien (B. & S.)	Taikeo Dk.
Fukien (B. & S.)	North Pt.
Fraser (A.P.C.)	Shanghai
Gedra (A.P.C.)	North Pt.
Hai Tan (Douglas)	Douglas Whf.
Harmatite (Doddwell)	Kin. Dk.
Helikon (Wa Fat Sing)	Taikeo Dk.
Heinrich Jansen (Bank Line)	Kin. Dk.
Ilram (Thoreau)	do
Ile (Ta Hing)	B-16
Inchona (Williamson)	Kin. Dk.
Kentworth	Shanghai
Kidella (A.P.C.)	North Pt.
Kwansang (Jardine)	S.C.
Lady Holmes	S.C.
Marine Leopard (A.P.C.)	Kowloon Whf.
Lydia Egan	Taikeo Dk.
Marman (B. & S.)	do
Marylock (Wallon)	do
Mel Nan (Souray)	Lalchikok
Mel Ping (Souray)	do
Melon (B. & S.)	do
Mel Shan (Souray)	do
Min Chih (Bank Line)	Taikeo Dk.
Min Jen (Gilmann)	Yamail
Noreik (Doddwell)	Shanghai
Orinania (Wallon)	Shanghai
Pauline Moller (Moller)	Kin. Dk.
Perleok (Wallon)	Yamail
Ping Wo (Jardine)	Cebu Dk.
Proper (Jelutian)	North Pt.
Quaroon (Doddwell)	A-13
Sandak (Doddwell)	Taikeo Dk.
Sandora (Bank Line)	L.C.K.
San Rafael	Taikeo Dk.
Silver Wain (A.P.C.)	Kin. Dk.
Stonemont (Thoreau)	A-17
Stanhall	Kin. Dk.
Tai Shan (Bank Line)	Yamail
Tegelberg (A.P.C.)	Taikeo Dk.
Thia (B. & S.)	Kin. Dk.
Wing Sang (Jardine)	Kin. Dk.
Whangpoo (B. & S.)	Kin. Dk.
Wuchang	Kin. Dk.
Yan Tai (G. Mer.)	S.C.

ARRIVALS**Yesterday**

Stemmetts (Thoreau) A-17

Fukien (B. & S.)

10.5 Taka Hestiz (Doddwell)

Halyang (Douglas)

Shandi (B. & S.)

Talin (B. & S.)

Hanyang (B. & S.)

Capital Victory (Jardine)

Nile (Mackenzie)

DEPARTURES

Yesterday

Frederick (Bank Line)

Bintang

EXPECTED DEPARTURES

10.5 Van Tai

10th

POST OFFICE NOTICES**Outward Mails**

Unless otherwise stated, Registered Articles and Parcel Posts close 30 minutes earlier than the time stated below.

SATURDAY, MAY 10

Swatow and Bangkok, Noon.

Straits, 3 p.m.

Swatow and Amoy, 3 p.m.

Macao, Macassar, Sourabaya and Batavia, 3 p.m.

Tsankong (Kwongchow), 4 p.m.

Macao, Tientsin and Shiki

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Today's Races

(By "Rapier")
There is every reason to expect that glorious conditions for racing will prevail this afternoon when the Hong Kong Jockey Club stage their Sixth Extra Race Meeting, the first saddling bell for which will be rung at 2 p.m. An attractive programme of eight events with satisfactory entries has been drawn up, and with the grass track in perfect condition the various races should be keenly contested.

II. C. Pih and P. S. Francis are now back in the Colony, but Brodie, who rode here at the last meeting, has returned North. Although I have not been able to obtain definite confirmation, there is a possibility that some of the jockeys who had been riding at the Valley during the Japanese occupation will be participating, as permission to ride has been granted them by the Stewards.

Race No. 1
Mount Park Handicap (First Section): 1 1/2 Miles.
The programme for this afternoon opens with a sprint event for Hong Kong Servants Race Club ponies, and, looking over the entries, I think the winner will come from one of the following:—Royal Red (Newman), Mosquito (Crichton), Mayfair (Francis), and Jackie (Francis). Royal Red, Mayfair, and Jackie are all good ponies, but Jackie is the best of the three. I don't think the other two will be able to keep up with him. Jackie is a very fast pony, and I expect to see him win. He is a very fast pony, and I expect to see him win. He is a very fast pony, and I expect to see him win.

Race No. 2
Warwick Farm Stakes (First Section): One Mile.
This race is confined to "C" Class Australian ponies and unclassified Non-Starters. The winner will be a very fast pony, and I expect to see him win. He is a very fast pony, and I expect to see him win. He is a very fast pony, and I expect to see him win.

Race No. 3
Hervey Bay Handicap (First Section): 1 1/2 Miles.
This race will be contested by first section "C" Class Australian ponies over the Champion distance, and it is no easy problem to spot the ultimate winner. Although it will be a very fast pony, I expect to see him win. He is a very fast pony, and I expect to see him win. He is a very fast pony, and I expect to see him win.

Race No. 4
Killara Handicap (First Section): One Mile.
This race is confined to first section "B" Class Australian ponies, and it is very difficult to point out a likely winner. Thunderbolt will have a very good chance, and I expect to see him win. He is a very fast pony, and I expect to see him win. He is a very fast pony, and I expect to see him win.

Selections For Today

(By "Rapier")

- Race No. 1. JACKIE MAYFAIR RESALDEER
Outsider: Mosie.
- Race No. 2. NORMANDY TOOTSIE KELLY
Outsider: Golden Wheel.
- Race No. 3. ROSE EMME CROWN WITNESS MIDNIGHT EXPRESS
Outsider: Peacock.
- Race No. 4. V.J. DAY THUNDERBOLT WUDONGA
Outsider: Kim.
- Race No. 5. AIR BORNE SPOOKNOTS JEEP LEE
Outsider: Daisy Bell.
- Race No. 6. HOI POLLOI FLYING ARROW CANARY
Outsider: Kookaburra.
- Race No. 7. SPEEDAWAY AVALON HAPPY VALLEY
Outsider: Lucky Strike.
- Race No. 8. SOUVENIR PEGGY JACKAL
Outsider: Jadestone.

an outsider with a good prospect of winning.

Race No. 8
Warwick Farm Stakes (Second Section): One Mile.
This is the last race of the day, and will be contested by second section "D" Class Australian ponies and unclassified Non-Starters. The winner will be a very fast pony, and I expect to see him win. He is a very fast pony, and I expect to see him win. He is a very fast pony, and I expect to see him win.

Race No. 7
Killara Handicap (Second Section): One Mile.
This race is confined to second section "B" Class Australian ponies, and the winner will be a very fast pony, and I expect to see him win. He is a very fast pony, and I expect to see him win. He is a very fast pony, and I expect to see him win.

Sweep Tickets Confiscated
Thirty-six Jockey Club sweep tickets were ordered to be confiscated by Mr. Sainsbury at Central yesterday when Lui Chiu, 59, and Ng Wah, 22, were each fined \$15 or three days' hard labour for hawking without a licence and for causing an obstruction in Des Voeux Road, Central, on Thursday.

Both defendants were caught selling the tickets in the street. The first had 33 and the second, three tickets.

Springboks In Very Strong Position

The South African touring team finished in a very strong position at the end of the second day's play in their match against Cambridge University at Cambridge, with the Light Blues needing 171 runs to avoid an innings defeat with five men out.

The tourists should have no difficulty in recording their second successive victory. The feature of today's play was the fine form shown by Ken Viljoen and Denis Bogle, who punished theVarsity bowlers on a perfect wicket. Viljoen, through their fifth wicket stand of 190. South Africa gained a first innings lead of 254.

REST OF EUROPE TEAM SURPRISE

(By James R. Chambers)

Glasgow, May 9.
The Rest of Europe's football team selectors sprang a surprise on Thursday night in announcing the names of the 11 to play against Great Britain at Hampden Park, Glasgow, on Saturday, 24 hours before they were expected to have come to a decision.

Players chosen indicate that the continental team managers have decided to adopt defensive tactics against Britain, and to instruct the team not to play their normal attacking game.

The two backs chosen—William Steffen of Switzerland and Paul Petersen of Denmark—demanded in the trial game at Rotterdam that they were the footballers who know most about defensive tactics.

European selectors probably figured that these two, with John Carey, the Irish, right half, appointed captain of the European team, will be able to block the middle if the Italian, centre half, Parola, essentially an attacking player, is drawn out of position. Parola, slightly hurt in the Rotterdam trial game, will be fit for the Saturday classic, which has aroused tremendous interest.

Hotels in Glasgow are full and an attendance of 140,000 is confidently predicted.

Rain
A lot of rain has fallen recently in this part of Scotland and the turf is likely to be on the heavy side—conditions which will favour Britain, who are picked to win by at least three goals.

Neither the European nor the British players have done any serious training in their respective headquarters 30 or 40 miles from the centre of Glasgow, but each set of players has had tactical discussions and weighed up the strengths and the weaknesses of opposing players.

On Thursday, at the Marine Hotel, Troon, where the Rest of Europe party is staying, the footballers had massage and Turkish baths, and in general spent an easy day.

The Team
The team chosen was: Carey of Eire (Captain); Da Rui of France; Petersen of Denmark; Steffen of Switzerland; Parola of Italy; Ludl of Czechoslovakia; Lambrechts of Belgium; Gren of Sweden; Nordahl of Sweden; Wilkes of Holland and Prost of Denmark. Reserves: Harald.

VISA DIFFICULTY NOT TRUE

London, May 8.
Reports that Poland's Davis Cup tennis stars will be unable to compete in the second round matches against Britain at Warsaw because of difficulty in obtaining visas were officially denied today.

A spokesman at the British Foreign Office said that the reports, published in the "Daily Telegraph" yesterday, was "sheer nonsense," pointing out that Ignacy Tloczynski was a member of the Polish military attaché's staff with the privileges of a diplomat, and "therefore at liberty to come and go as he pleases."—United Press.

CARSON TO PLAY MONDAY

Mr. Lewis Carson, who is to play Yip Koon-hung, singles champion, on Tuesday, has flown back from Manila sooner than expected and will play a doubles match with Mr. Jones against the Tsui Brothers on Monday at 5.30 p.m. The match will be the best of five sets.

Linesmen and spectators are requested to be in their seats by 5.15 p.m. The admission fee will remain unchanged at \$1 and \$2, and the proceeds will go to local charities.

JERSEY ROAD RACE

St. Helier, Jersey, May 8.
Thousands of people watched the exciting duels and the high speed dashes in the Jersey international road race today, and saw E. Parnell, the British driver, dash past the winning post at the wheel of an Italian Macrati. The Frenchman, L. Chiron, also driving a Macrati, was second, and Raymond Mays of Great Britain, driving a British ERA was third.

No full or lap times were announced for the 100 mile race—50 laps at 3.2 miles, through St. Helier. There were 25 starters but only thirteen cars completed the course. Among the three who retired about half-way was Prince Ibrahim of Siam, one of the Macrati team. There were no accidents.

Callover On The Derby

London, May 8.
The callover on the Derby, running over one and a half miles at Epsom on June 7, at the Victoria Club this evening: 6 to 5 Tudor Minstrel offered, 5 to 4 taken and wanted, 15 to 2 Blue Train offered, 8 to 1 taken, 18 to 1 Sayajirao offered, 20 to 1 taken, 22 to 1 Migoll offered, 25 to 1 Parisien taken and offered, 25 to 1 Tite Street offered, 28 to 1 taken, 28 to 1 Saravali offered, 33 to 1 taken, 33 to 1 Stockade, 40 to 1 Pettition, both taken and offered, 40 to 1 Combat offered.

Special place betting: 7 to 4 Blue Train, 7 to 2 Sayajirao, both offered, 5 to 1 Parisien, 13 to 2 Saravali, both taken and offered, 13 to 2 Tite Street, 7 to 1 Stockade, both offered.

Tudor Minstrel, winner of the Two Thousand Guineas, is a better favourite than ever for the Derby and at tonight's callover he closed firm at 6 to 5 after all offers of 5 to 4 had been taken and wanted. He was backed to win £4,000.

Blue Train, the King's candidate, also shortened from his previous price of 17 to 2 and is now firm second favourite at 16 to 2, after being backed to win £2,000 at 8 to 1.—Reuter.

Sequel To Watch On Letter Boxes

A watch on post boxes at the General Post Office by the police, resulting in the arrest of an alleged member of the "Overseas Youth Movement Section" and the seizure of 46 threatening letters, was disclosed by DSI A. Shaw at Central yesterday when Hung Man-fung was committed for trial by Mr. Sainsbury on five counts of uttering letters, demanding with menaces a total of \$10,000 from five restaurants.

Hung was charged with uttering letters on April 9, demanding \$2,000 each from the San Kwong Restaurant, 317, Des Voeux Road, Central; the King Tuen Restaurant, 257, Des Voeux Road, Central; the King Sang Boarding House, 68, Connaught Road, Central; the Chung Kwok Restaurant, 173, Des Voeux Road, Central; and the Tai Yai Lau Restaurant, 128, Des Voeux Road, Central.

WOMAN LORD MAYOR

Berlin, May 8.
Frau Louise Schroeder, 60-year-old Social Democrat, who was for 14 years a member of the pre-Hitler Reichstag, was tonight elected acting Lord Mayor of Berlin by the city parliament.

Frau Schroeder was deprived of her seat in the Reichstag by the Nazis, and ran a small grocery shop in Berlin.—Reuter.

Racket Of The Very Worst Type

"A racket of the very worst type," organised by "a Chinese Sub-Inspector who was a man of an utterly unscrupulous type" and comprising "dangerous gangsters," (to quote Mr. C. A. Sutherland Russ), which, according to DSI J. Johnston, "the Police viewed with considerable alarm," was nipped in the bud by the arrest of Lee Yin-kwan, a former Chinese constable in the Hong Kong Police Force, on April 12 at Man Kam To, New Territories, North.

Outlining the facts of the case, DSI Johnston told Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday that, as the result of complaints received from lorry drivers that members of the Police post at Chicks Bridge were demanding money from them, four drivers were sent out on April 10 to contact the extortioners.

They were not successful but managed to interview accused on the day following when they were asked to pay \$10 per week for each of their six trucks. When they counter-offered \$50 for the six, accused said that he had to consult CSI Peter Chan (who had since absconded), said DSI Johnston.

On being interviewed, Chan claimed that he was not in a position to agree as the amount was for the Police. He left the five men to carry on negotiations which, said DSI Johnston, finally resulted in the sum of \$50 being agreed upon.

Reporting to him that same night, said prosecuting officer, the men were given a marked \$50 note with instructions to pay it over the following day. The four drivers were followed by DSI Johnston and DSI Morrison, dressed as Commandos, in a jeep.

Arriving at the Police post, continued DSI Johnston, the accused was handed the money by the four men who stated that they were from "Lin Fat," the code name allocated to them, and asked to make the necessary entry in his book.

Marked Note
Receiving the pre-arranged signal from the four men, the two investigators entered the hut and, on searching the accused, found a note book, a slip of paper, and \$50 in his pocket. At the end of the bed near where he was standing was found the marked \$50 note.

On being translated, said DSI Johnston, the note book was found to contain the numbers of over 60 lorries against several of which were inserted sums of money, and against others the words "muk," "yam," and "kau." Another list of lorries and names of transportation companies were found among defendant's property, said DSI Johnston.

The Police duties at the post, said DSI Johnston, were to search all incoming and outgoing trucks and lorries for contraband and arms. This post was only taken over from the Military on April 2, emphasised the prosecuting officer, and it spoke volumes for the efficiency of the organisation that it could get into full swing within that short period of time.

From inquiries made, said DSI Johnston, it was obvious that the racket practised by the members of the post was tantamount to extortion, as, unless a "fee" was paid by the drivers, the search of the vehicle would be considerably delayed resulting in great discomfort for the passengers and deterioration of the cargo carried.

"The ramifications were very wide and well organised," said the prosecutor, "and the Police viewed the offence with considerable alarm as Your Worship will realise what organised bribery of this type could amount to."

Plea For Clemency
In his plea for clemency, Mr. Russ declared that accused was "jockeyed into a system which would require very great moral courage and devotion to duty to resist." The unfortunate young man before the Court, said defence counsel, was under a Sub-Inspector who was "a man of an utterly unscrupulous type" and who had under him "dangerous gangsters" (if one could apply such a term to a Police officer), and who would have no hesitation in subjecting his client to numerous persecutions.

New Status Of Bank Of Indochina

Saigon, May 8.
The Bank of Indochina will in future function as purely a bankers' bank and not as a bank of issue with fiduciary powers as at present. This was one of the important decisions taken by the Indochina economic conference which concluded a three day session yesterday at Dala, 200 miles north of Saigon.

The new official body called the Institute Indochinois D'administration will hereafter be entrusted with the issue and control of Indochina's currency.—Reuter.

RED SCARE

Washington, May 9.
Eleven nationally known industrialists warned today that Communism would "establish" itself throughout Europe unless Germany and Austria manufacture enough to pay for food and raw materials.

The industrialists reported at a conference at the War Department on their tour of industrial facilities in the British and American zones in Germany and Austria.—United Press.

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